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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, in Woodstock, Va., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the ninth and continued until the evening of the fifteenth day of the month, inclusive, at 11 o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in St. Paul's Reformed Church, of Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Va., on Tuesday evening, October 9th, A.D. 1888, at 7 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. In the absence of the retiring President, the Stated Clerk of the Synod, by request, preached the opening sermon from 1 John 5: 12—"He that hath the Son, hath life." At the conclusion of the sermon the Stated Clerk called the Synod to order, agreeably to the Rules of Order, and formally opened it with prayer, and then called the Vice-President to the Chair. Whereupon the provisional Synodic roll was called, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers :—Aaron Wanner, D.D.,^j Israel S. Weisz, D.D., Aaron Spangler and Jacob O. Miller, D.D.³

Elders :—Charles A. Shultz, Dietrich Hildebrand and Michael Myers.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers :—Marion L. Firor, Simon S. Miller, John G. Noss, William Goodrich, J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., E. Ranson Deatrick, Nehemiah H. Skyles,^h U. Henry Heilman, David A. Souders,³ Calvin S. Slagle³ and Edmund R. Eschbach.^{5h}

Elders :—Abraham Hemp,^h James M. Girvin,^h Ezra Williard,^h Christian M. Keedy, George M. Harbaugh and Goldsborough S. Griffith.^{3j}

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers :—J. David Miller, William C. Cremer, Jonas B. Shontz, Cyrus Cort, William M. Deatrick, D.D., J. William Knappenberger³ and Franklin F. Bahner.⁷

Elders :—David F. Daihl, Samuel Hoeslich, Joseph Fuss^k and Levi C. Kepner.^{3j}

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers :—Samuel N. Callender, D.D.,^h Alpha K. Kline, George A. Whitmore,² Henry St. J. Rinker³ and John A. Hoffheins.³

Elders :—John H. Bauserman, Daniel O. Bowman,³ Americus J. Souder³ and Theodore H. Davis.⁷

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Ministers :—Paul Barringer, Calvin B. Heller and Lewis Reiter.

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

Ministers :—John C. Bowman, Thomas J. Barkley, William H. Herbert and Ambrose C. Geary.

Elders :—Joseph Gelbach, Samuel A. Gutelius and Solomon Schwartz.³

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

Ministers :—William I. Stewart, William R. H. Deatrich, Abraham B. Stoner and Amos H. Kremer, D.D.⁷

Elders :—John W. Smith, Henry Wetzell and Joseph Diehl.

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

Ministers :—Calvin U. Heilman, Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher, Cyrus J. Musser, Andrew T. G. Apple, Christian W. Summey² and William A. Long.³

Elders :—Jacob Fouse, J. Dietrich Aurandt, Jacob L. Weber and John P. Reed, Esq.^b

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

No delegates present.

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate, who was not present at the opening of the Synod, took his seat.

The letters in their order indicate the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence.

On Friday evening Rev. F. F. Bahner was admitted to the seat hitherto occupied by the Rev. W. M. Deatrick.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present during one or more sessions, namely:

Maryland Classis.—Rev. Barton R. Carnahan.

Mercersburg Classis.—Elder Jacob Heyser.

Virginia Classis.—Revs. Henry Tallhelm and Addison C. Snyder.

North Carolina Classis.—Rev. Julius H. Shuford.

Gettysburg Classis.—Rev. David N. Dittmar.

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.—Rev. Charles G. Fisher.

Synod of Pittsburgh.—Rev. Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced, from time to time, of Revs. A. A. J. Bushong and L. A. Mann, of the Lutheran Church, and Revs. L. C. Miller and F. A. Ritchie, of the Methodist Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. W. R. H. Deatrich, *President*, Newport, Pa.

Rev. S. S. Miller, *Vice-President*, Boonsboro', Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. J. D. Miller, *Corresponding Secretary*, Shippensburg, Pa.

Elder Henry Wirt, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

Rev. I. S. Weisz, *Reading Clerk*, York, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Agreeably to the Rules of Order, the *Bar of the House* was defined to consist of the first five pews from the chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of Synod, to wit: The morning sessions to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock; the afternoon sessions to begin at 2 and end at 4½ o'clock; and the evening business sessions to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. A. K. Kline, L. Reiter, A. T. G. Apple, and Elders J. H. Bauserman and J. Fuss.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, A. Spangler, N. H. Skyles and Elders S. Hoefflich and D. Hildebrand.

Overtures.—Revs. J. G. Noss, W. I. Stewart, P. Barringer, and Elders J. W. Smith and J. Fouse.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. W. H. Herbert, U. H. Heilman, A. Wanner, and Elders J. D. Aurandt and J. L. Weber.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, W. Goodrich, T. J. Barkley, and Elders J. Gelbach and H. Wetzel.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, W. C. Cremer, C. B. Heller, A. B. Stoner, and Elders J. Diehl and S. A. Gutelius.

Education.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, C. U. Heilman, J. B. Shontz, and Elders E. Williard and J. P. Reed.

Missions.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, A. C. Geary, D. S. Dieffenbacher, and Elders G. M. Harbaugh and J. M. Girvin.

Publication.—Revs. S. N. Callender, F. A. Rupley, S. S. Miller, and Elders A. Hemp and M. Myers.

Finance.—Revs. C. Cort, W. I. Stewart, M. L. Firor, and Elders C. M. Keedy and J. Fuss.

Nominations.—Revs. J. D. Miller, E. R. Deatrick, C. B. Heller, and Elders C. A. Shultz and D. F. Daihl.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. C. J. Musser, J. B. Shontz, I. S. Weisz, and Elders J. P. Reed and H. Wetzel.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, San Francisco and Portland-Oregon were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and

read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, the Superintendent of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees of Synod and the Sunday-school Board were presented to the Synod, read and disposed of without reference. They will be found in their proper places.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report the following appointments for services:

REFORMED CHURCH.

Wednesday Evening.—Rev. F. A. Rupley to preside. Devotional services by Rev. P. Barringer. Addresses on the following topics: 1st Topic. "The Reformed Church in America," by Revs. C. Cort and J. S. Kieffer. 2d Topic. Church Work: "Pastoral Visitation," by Rev. A. C. Geary; "Catechetical Instruction," by Rev. J. B. Shontz.

Thursday Evening.—Educational Meeting. Rev. W. C. Cremer to preside. Devotional services by Rev. A. Wanner. 1st Topic. "The Duty of the Synod more fully to Maintain her Educational Institution," by Elder J. Heyser and Rev. S. N. Callender. 2d Topic. "The Importance of Female Education in its Relation to the Work of the Church," by Rev. C. S. Slagle.

Friday Evening.—Sunday-school Anniversary. Elder G. S. Griffith to preside. Devotional services by Rev. A. Spangler. 1st Topic. "The Conversion and Christian Culture of Children," by Revs. F. A. Rupley and J. S. Kieffer. 2d Topic. "The Sunday-school Teacher's Work, and How to do it Successfully," by Revs. M. L. Firor and J. C. Bowman.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. J. G. Noss. Liturgical Services by C. W. Summey and J. D. Miller.

Saturday Evening.—Home Missionary Anniversary. Rev. U. H. Heilman, to preside. Devotional Services by Rev. C. B. Heller. Addresses by Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher and M. L. Firor.

Sunday Morning.—Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. W. R. H. Deatrich. Liturgical Services by Revs. W. C. Cremer and T. J. Barkley.

Sunday Afternoon.—Children's Meeting. The pastor to preside. Devotional Service by Rev. W. A. Long. Addresses by Revs. A. B. Stoner, D. A. Souders, A. H. Kremer and J. S. Kieffer.

Sunday Evening.—Foreign Missionary Anniversary. Rev. J. A. Hoffheins to preside. Devotional Services by Rev. W. Goodrich. Addresses by Revs. C. J. Musser and T. J. Barkley.

Monday Evening.—Reformed Alliance in London. Devotional Services by Rev. F. F. Bahner. Addresses by Revs. J. O. Miller and J. C. Bowman.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Lutheran Church.—Revs. F. A. Rupley and J. S. Kieffer.

Presbyterian Church.—Revs. C. U. Heilman and J. W. Knappenberger.

Methodist Church.—Revs. J. C. Bowman and S. S. Miller.

African Methodist Episcopal Church.—Revs. J. H. Shuford and J. B. Shontz.

Reformed Church of Mount Jackson.—Rev. A. T. G. Apple.

Mount Calvary Reformed Church.—Rev. F. F. Bahner.

Harrisville Reformed Church.—Rev. A. Wanver.

Maurertown Reformed Church.—Rev. H. St. J. Rinker.

Timberville Reformed Church.—Rev. B. R. Carnahan.

Respectfully submitted, A. K. KLINE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday forenoon this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your committee, to whom were referred the Printed Minutes of the Synod of last year for examination, after careful inspection of them, begs leave to report the following items as claiming the consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod; of which committee the Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher is chairman.

Item 2, pages 11 and 15. The Classes and congregations are directed to comply with the request of the General Synod and the instructions of this Synod to lift one collection annually at least, on some Sunday before October, in each Synodical year, for the use of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 3, page 14. An annual appropriation of \$500 for six years is made for special mission work in Baltimore, the apportionment of which is necessary for the present Synodical year.

Item 4, page 14. Through an oversight on the part of the last Synod, no committee of three from the Synod was appointed, as ordered, to co-operate in the management of mission work in Baltimore.

Item 5, page 15. Zion's Classis is earnestly enjoined anew to perform its duty

and pay its apportionments for the Theological Seminary and its arrearages on its assessments for Contingent Fund and Washington Mission Chapel.

Item 6, page 15. The Classes of Zion, Juniata, Maryland, Carlisle and Mercersburg are instructed to take steps immediately to pay their respective arrearages on apportionment for Wichita College.

Item 7, page 24. The Classes are urged to take measures to increase their contributions for Beneficiary Education, and the Classes that have hitherto neglected or refused to co-operate with the Synod's Board of Education, as regards the education of young men for the ministry, are requested and urged to comply with the Synod's instructions in the matter.

Item 8, page 24. The Board of Education is directed to make an immediate appeal to the different Classes for funds for the cause of Beneficiary Education.

Item 9, page 24. The Synod appropriates \$500 towards liquidating the debt resting on Mercersburg College on conditions.

Item 10, page 25. Thursday evening of the present sessions of the Synod is set apart for the discussion of the educational interests of the Synod, two subjects are to be discussed, and the Board of Education is directed to select the subjects for discussion, and arrange the order of discussion, with two speakers on each subject or topic.

Item 11, page 26. It will be necessary for the Synod to nominate for election, by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, three members of the Board of Visitors and six members likewise of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., for the term of one year.

Item 12, page 27. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education to fill the places of those whose term of service is about to expire.

Item 13, page 27. It will be necessary for the Synod to fill, by election, the vacancies that are about to take place in the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College of those members whose term of service will end during the present month.

Item 14, page 37. The cause of both Home and Foreign Missions is most earnestly commended to the prayers and liberality of the Classes.

Item 15, page 37. The Classes are kindly urged to pay their apportionments for Home Missions in full, and also that they be requested to increase their contributions to said cause.

Item 16, page 37. The Synod requests the Classes within whose bounds certain missions are to take care of the same by sustentation, reconstruction, or in some other way, so as to relieve the Board of Missions of supporting them.

Item 17, page 38. The Corresponding Secretary is instructed to send to all our pastoral charges certain action adopted at the last annual meeting of Synod, soliciting from them liberal contributions for the cause of Foreign Missions, etc.; also requesting such pastors of the Synod as have not made specific pledges toward sending an additional missionary to Japan, to make what pledges they can to this end.

Item 18, page 38. It will be necessary to fill, by election, the vacancies that will occur in the Synodic Board of Missions during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 19, page 42. It will be necessary to assess upon the Classes one-half of the sum assessed upon the Synod by the General Synod for contingent expenses, being \$214.72, as only one-half of said sum was provided for last year.

Item 20, page 42. Apportionments for Home Missions.

Item 21, page 42. Apportionments for Church Building.

Item 22, page 43. Apportionments for Church Extension in Baltimore City.

Item 23, page 43. Apportionments for Harbor Missions.

Item 24, page 43. Apportionments for Bohemian Church.

Item 25, page 43. Apportionments for Beneficiary Education.

Item 26, page 43. Assessments for Contingent Fund of Synod.

Item 27, page 43. Assessments for Mercersburg College.

Item 28, page 43. Assessments for Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 29, page 42. Arrearages.

Item 30, page 44. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees to fill the place of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, whose term of office will end on the 1st of January next, agreeably to the charter.

Item 31, page 45. Revs. J. S. Kieffer and C. Clever are constituted the committee from this Synod to co-operate with similar committees from the other District Synods to effect a unification of our Sunday-school Papers, Lesson Helps and Instructor for Teachers for the whole Church, with instructions.

Item 32, page 46. It will be necessary to fill by election the vacancy in the Sunday-school Board that will occur during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 33, pages 53 and 54. Certain action in regard to the Reformed Church Publication Board.

Item 34, page 54. The State Clerk is instructed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 35, page 56. Revs. S. S. Miller, T. F. Hoffmeier and N. H. Skyles are appointed a committee to devise a plan to afford relief to superannuated and disabled ministers needing assistance, so as to furnish them with sufficiency to live.

Item 36, page 56. The Classes are earnestly called upon to use earnest and persistent Christian efforts, looking towards the speedy extermination of the great evil of intemperance.

Item 37, page 59. A committee is appointed to attend the funeral of Rev. A. G. Dole, of which Rev. C. J. Musser is chairman.

Item 38. It will be necessary to assess three hundred dollars upon the Classes to meet the pledge of the Synod, made two years ago, for interest on debt of Mercersburg College. Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 35, 36 and 37, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on items, 3, 5, 6, 19, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 38, see Article XV., Finance; on items 4, 14, 15, 16 and 17, see Article XIV., Missions; on items 7, 8, 9, 10, 25, and 27, see Article XIII., Education; items 11, 12, 13, 18, 30 and 32, were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, to make the required nominations; items 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes to ascertain the action of the Classes on those items; on item 31, see Article XVIII., Sunday-schools; and on items 33 and 34, see Article XX., Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures begs leave to report that the following papers have been placed in our hands for examination:

Item 1. An invitation from the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Carlisle, Pa., to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in said church.

Item 2. The annual report of the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Item 3. A statement of the condition of St. Paul's Orphans' Home by the President of its Board of Directors.

Item 4. Report of the Editorial Commission.

Item 5. A statement in reference to our publication interests by Rev. Charles G. Fisher.

Item 6. A communication from Elder Henry Wirt, in which he tenders his resignation as a member of the Board of Publication and of the Editorial Commission.

Item 7. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh Synod, in which the action of said Synod in reference to our publication interests are given.

Item 8. An overture from the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Classis, in which certain requests are made in reference to the apportionments by the Synod on said Classis for the Church Building Fund, etc.

Item 9. A letter from Rev. J. B. Braun, the Stated Clerk of Portland-Oregon Classis, explaining certain informalities in the Minutes of said Classis.

Item 10. Explanatory report from the President of the San Francisco Classis.

Item 11. An overture from the Mercersburg College Association, asking the Synod to take measures to liquidate the indebtedness of said College.

Item 12. The following books have been donated to the Synod by Elder Daniel Miller, Publisher, Reading, Pa., to wit: "A History of Bethany Orphans' Home, by Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, Superintendent," and "A Live Church," by Rev. A. B. Koplin, D.D. Rev. A. Wanner presented a copy of his recently-published book, "The Road to Success—A Book for Boys and Young Men." Rev. C. G. Fisher, Publisher, donated two copies of "Conference on Union of the Reformed Churches." Respectfully submitted, Jno. G. Noss, *Chairman*.

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXIV., Adjournment; on items 2 and 3, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on items 4, 5, 6 and 7, see Article XX., Publication; the request in item 8 was not granted; items 9 and 10 were adopted; item 11 was referred to the Committee on Education. The thanks of the Synod were voted to the donors of the books named in item 12, and the volumes were ordered to be placed in the Library of Mercersburg College.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. The President of Carlisle Classis called a special meeting of said Classis without giving the notice of "at least two weeks," as required by the Constitution.

2. Mercersburg Classis, in a Pastoral Letter adopted by it and ordered to be sent to all its congregations and consistories, in its judgment declares the giving of notes by a consistory as such for the salary of the pastor (when it has neglected its duty to collect the salary and pay him punctually and promptly, as is its duty, and has allowed those dues to accumulate), to be unbusiness-like and contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution of our Church, and for-

bids any pastor in the future to accept any such notes. The Classis is thus guilty of improper interference in the business affairs of its congregations and ministers.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. Zion's Classis requests the Synod to exonerate it of all arrearages.

4. Maryland Classis overtures the General Synod, through this Synod, to select such lessons for the Sunday-school as will harmonize with the Church Year.

5. Mercersburg Classis asks this Synod to overture the General Synod not to go forward with the proposed Hymnal.

6. Virginia Classis requests the Synod to relieve it of a portion of its assessments and apportionments for 1887.

7. The same Classis does not see its way clear to accede to Synod's request to the Classes, that certain hopeless missions be provided for in the way of reconstruction or sustentation.

8. Gettysburg Classis asks the Synod not to assess upon it hereafter anything for Mercersburg College.

9. The President of San Francisco Classis asks that for the coming year the Synod take into consideration, in making assessments and apportionments upon said Classis, the loss sustained by it in the abandonment of the San Francisco congregation.

10. Portland-Oregon Classis objects to having the missions on the Pacific Coast transferred to the German Synods' Board of Missions, as was proposed a year ago, and prays that they be suffered to remain under the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

11. *Home Missions*.—All the Classes accepted and apportioned upon the charges Synod's apportionment, except the Virginia Classis, which assumed only a part of its apportionment.

12. *Church Building Fund*.—All the Classes accepted their apportionments for this object.

13. *Theological Seminary*.—All the Classes assumed their assessments for this object.

14. *Mercersburg College*.—All the Classes accepted their assessments for this object, except Zion's Classis, which declined to accept it.

15. *Contingent Fund*.—All the Classes assumed their assessments for this cause.

16. *Church Extension in Baltimore*.—All the Classes assumed their apportionments, except Zion's, Virginia and North Carolina Classes, which declined to do so.

17. *Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows*.—All the Classes took favorable action in this matter.

18. All the Classes took favorable action on the subject of temperance.

19. Zion's Classis refused to assume its apportionment for Bohemian Church. All the others assumed theirs.

20. Mercersburg Classis paid its arrearage on apportionment for Wichita College with accrued interest in full. Maryland, Juniata, Carlisle and Zion's Classes took action on the request of the Synod in the matter, but have failed to pay their arrearages in full.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

21. Zion's Classis received the Rev. Henry A. Bomberger from the Tohickon Classis and the Rev. Aaron H. Leisse from the Lebanon Classis.

22. Maryland Classis received the licentiate George A. Snyder from the Philadelphia Classis, and ordained him; received the Rev. Barton R. Carnahan from

the Virginia Classis, the Rev. Calvin S. Slagle from the Juniata Classis, and the Rev. J. Marion Mickly from the Carlisle Classis; and dismissed the Rev. Abraham B. Stoner to the Carlisle Classis, the Revs. Leighton G. Kremer and David P. Lefevre to the Philadelphia Classis.

23. Mercersburg Classis received the Rev. Jonas B. Shontz from the Tuscarawas Classis.

24. Virginia Classis received the Rev. Albert R. Thompson from the East Pennsylvania Classis, and the Rev. Addison C. Snyder from the Clarion Classis.

25. North Carolina Classis received the Rev. Julius H. Shuford from the Northern Illinois Classis, and deposed the Rev. Robert F. Crooks from the office of the Christian Ministry.

26. Gettysburg Classis dismissed the Rev. Henry H. Sangree to the Montgomery Classis of the Reformed Church in America.

27. Carlisle Classis received the Rev. Abraham B. Stoner from the Maryland Classis, and the licentiate Stewart U. Mitman from the Tohickon Classis and ordained him.

28. Juniata Classis received the Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart from the Kansas Classis, and the licentiate S. Charles Stover from the West Susquehanna Classis; and dismissed the Rev. Calvin S. Slagle to the Maryland Classis, the Rev. Ellis N. Kremer to the Lancaster Classis of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Rev. Franklin W. Brown to the Westmoreland Classis, the Rev. Edgar S. Hassler to the Allegheny Classis, and the Rev. Isaac N. Peigh-tel to Zion's Classis of this Synod.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

29. Zion's Classis will meet in Quickel's Church, York County, Pa., May 17th, A.D. 1889, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. A. Spangler, *President*; Rev. I. S. Weisz, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

30. Maryland Classis will meet in Mount Vernon Reformed Church of Kee-dysville, Washington County, Md., May 23d, A.D. 1889, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. S. M. Hench, *President*; and Rev. S. S. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

31. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church of Waynes-boro', Franklin County, Pa., May 9th, A.D. 1889, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. P. A. Long, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

32. Virginia Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church of the Mill Creek charge, Shenandoah County, Va., May 22d, A.D. 1889, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. S. N. Callender, *President*; Rev. A. K. Kline, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Treasurer*.

33. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Brick Church of Guilford County, N. C., May 1st, A.D. 1889, at 11 o'clock A.M. Rev. T. Long, *President*; Rev. G. W. Welker, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. L. Reiter, *Treasurer*.

34. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at McKnightstown, Adams County, Pa., May 15th, A.D. 1889, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. J. H. Hartman, *President*; and Rev. W. K. Zieber, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

35. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Marysville, Perry County, Pa., June 27th, A.D. 1889, at 8 o'clock, P.M. Rev. W. I. Stewart, *President*; and Rev. G. E. Addams, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

36. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Everett, Bedford County, Pa., May 8th, A.D. 1889, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. H. F. Long, *President*; Rev. D. G. Klein, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer*.

37. San Francisco Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Stockton, Cal., June 21st, A.D. 1889, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. T. G. De Lyre, *President*; Rev. J. Fuendeling, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder J. Shoemaker, *Treasurer*.

38. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Portland, Oregon, June 20th, A.D. 1889, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. J. Gantenbein, *President*; Rev. J. B. Braun, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder J. A. Fischer, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HERBERT, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20 to 38 were severally adopted. For the action of Synod on item 2, see Article XVII., Complaints. On items 3, 6, 16 and 19, see Article XV., Finance. On item 4, see Article XVIII., Sunday-schools. The requests contained in items 5 and 8 were not granted. The request in item 9 was granted, and the attention of the Committee on Finance called to it. The request in item 10 was referred to the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions for its guidance.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. RUPLEY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee having given due attention to the duty assigned, would report as follows:

It is with no small degree of pleasure that we reviewed the Reports of the several Classes, seeing that in general they speak so gratifyingly of the present condition of things within their several bounds. They all speak favorably of the work of the ministry—how that they have continued faithful to their trust and to the charges committed to their care—how that in the discharge of duty and of blessed privilege the Lord has been with them and blessed them. And further, how that the people to whom they ministered, received the word gladly unto their profiting and the sacraments of grace unto their renewing, sanctifying and perfecting in the Christian life, and how that with a more lively interest they have regarded the work of the Synod in its several departments.

These Reports are indeed gratifying and encouraging, and in so far give us great reason for thankfulness. And yet, when we compare these reports with the accompanying statistics, we are challenged with the fact that at least so far as actual increase in membership, there is certainly no room for boasting—the number of additions being comparatively few—the statistics showing a net increase of only eight hundred and eighty-three—an average increase per pastor of eight and per congregation of but three. And further, that with this net gain, small as it is, the number reported as communing during the year does not keep pace.* We are sad in telling it; we had hoped it had been oth-

* The falling off in communicants is mostly in the North Carolina Classis, where it amounts to 1026—caused by one-half of the congregations failing to report any communicants whatever, as may readily be seen by looking at the Statistical Table of said Classis. Zion's, Maryland, Merceburg, Gettysburg, Juniata, and Portland-Oregon Classes report an increased number of communicants, whilst the Classes of Virginia, Carlisle, and San Francisco show a slight falling off or decrease.

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erwise. If we have done our duty, yet what unprofitable servants we have been!

But has then our labor been in vain in the Lord? Nay, verily, the Lord has both prospered and blest. Whilst it is true that we have not grown much in membership, nor much enlarged our borders, we yet have indeed strengthened us. There has been done a good work within us, if not without us. There has been an increase and strengthening of that divine gift which covers a multitude of sins. We are being quickened unto a better life. The Spirit of the Master—the spirit of self-denial, of love and of good-will—is asserting itself more and more. The spirit of selfishness is on the wane, the spirit of benevolence waxeth stronger, so that it is becoming less a task to lay ourselves with our gifts upon the altar, an offering and a sacrifice unto the Lord; that notwithstanding few from without have accepted the word preached unto their salvation, and many within have neglected the proffered grace of the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, yet as a body of believers we may not fail to see that we have been stirred by the word preached, and through grace given been strengthened unto good works. In confirmation of this we need but say that the increased liberality for benevolent purposes, as over the amount contributed last year, reaches to more than six thousand dollars.

There remains certainly much yet for us to do; let us not become weary in doing it; in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Quickened and strengthened as we have been with might within, and assured of the continued presence and help of the Lord, let us make bold to go in His name, striving after better things, conquering and to conquer, until we shall join and rejoice in the victory which is His, who hath washed us in His own blood and made us kings and priests unto God, to whom in Christ Jesus, through the Spirit, be honor and praise, world without end.

We here make simple record of the names of our brethren in the ministry who departed this life; Revs. Albert G. Dole, George H. Martin, D.D., Moses Kieffer, D.D., Daniel Riegel and Henry I. Comfort. We bear testimony to their worthy lives, their Christian character, and to their faithfulness and zeal in the work of their high calling. They all attained unto advanced years, full of good works. They now rest from their labors—their works do follow them. Blessed are they, and blessed too the memory of them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFEINS, *Chairman.*

(For the Statistical Tables, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its annual report to the Synod during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The Report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Board of Education begs leave, through its Treasurer, to present the following annual report for the Synodical and fiscal year just closed.

At the conclusion of the last annual meeting of the Synod at Mechanicsburg, the members of the Board then in attendance, being a quorum or majority, met and organized by the election of Rev. Wm. C. Cremer as *President*, and the reelection of Rev. J. Wm. Knappenberger as *Secretary*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick as *Treasurer*.

The work of the Board has been carried forward, during the Synodical year,

with increasing success. None of the young men under the care of the Board as beneficiary students have completed the prescribed course of training for the holy ministry, since rendering our last annual report to the Synod. They have all continued their important studies during the year. The number then reported as being under the care and supervision of the Board was twelve. In the mean time the list has been increased to twenty-two in all, by the reception of ten more. Arranged with regard to their Classical connections, they are as follows: Thomas K. Cromer, Francis M. Line, George C. Erb, James B. Stonesifer, Atwill Conner, jun., Lewis T. Lampe; Otto K. Spessard and William E. Bushong of the Maryland Classis; Henry F. Dittmar, Daniel G. Hetrick, Homer S. May, David M. Wolfe, Louis C. Harnish, and J. Calvin Bolger of the Juniata Classis; J. Philip Harner, George S. Gill, and Jacob S. Garrison of the Virginia Classis; Frank L. Kerr, Charles E. Wagner, and David J. Wolf of the Carlisle Classis; and Louis C. Summer, and Lewis P. Krome of the Mercersburg Classis. Messrs. Erb and Stonesifer are members of the Senior Class; Dittmar of the Middle Class; and Cromer, and Line of the Junior Class of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. Messrs. Conner, Hetrick, May, and Wolfe are members of the Senior Class; Harner, and Lampe of the Junior Class; Gill, Harnish, Kerr, Spessard, and Summer of the Sophomore Class; and Bolger of the Freshman Class of Franklin and Marshall College. Messrs. Krome, Garrison, Bushong, Wagner and Wolf stand connected with Mercersburg College.

Whilst the number of beneficiary students under the care of the Board has been nearly doubled during the past fiscal year, the income of the Board, we regret to say, has not been correspondingly increased. There has been, to be sure, some increase in the amount of funds received for this arm of church work, as the Synopsis of the Treasurer's Report will show, but by no means commensurate with the increased number of beneficiary students taken under the care of the Board, and for whom provision must be made. The actual increase of funds received in the past year is \$560.25. There is not enough funds now in the treasury to make the second quartely payment to the young men for the current scholastic year, which ought to be made within the next four weeks. In addition to those received under the care of the Board, during the past year, application was made in behalf of several others, to whom the way to give an immediately favorable response did not seem open, as there was no reasonable prospect of funds to support them, in case their application would have proven satisfactory upon proper examination. Most of the Classes have failed to meet their apportionments made for beneficiary education a year ago. Two of them, Zion's and Gettysburg, have not contributed anything to the Board's Treasury. Only five of the Classes have heeded the repeated instructions of the Synod to co-operate with your Board of Education in carrying forward its operations. Owing to the remoteness of the North Carolina Classis and the two German Classes on the Pacific Coast, there can be no reasonable fault found with the course pursued by them, in the matter. But why the Gettysburg and Zion's Classes have not done so, we are not prepared to answer. Let it, however, be born in mind, that the funds of the Board have come from one half the number of Classes composing the Synod.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges having received the following funds for beneficiary education since our last annual report, omitting the dates of payments into the treasury, and summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions, so as to give the sum from each pastoral charge, to wit:

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Maryland Classis.

Evangelical Ref. Church of Frederick .	\$140 00	Cavetown Charge.	23 20
First Reformed Church of Hagerstown. .	99 72	Union Bridge Charge.	20 00
Reformed Church of Middletown . . .	85 25	Manchester Charge.	17 69
First Reformed Church of Baltimore . .	65 00	Woodberry Mission.	15 00
Third Reformed Church of Baltimore . .	65 00	Mount Pleasant Charge.	12 00
Mount Moriah Charge	30 66	Boonsboro Charge	10 00
Clear Spring Charge	30 00	Burkittsville Charge	8 00
St. Paul's Ref. Church of Baltimore . .	30 00	Sabillasville Charge	5 25
Jefferson Charge	25 87	Washington Mission	5 00
Manor Charge	25 00	Christ Church Charge of Hagerstown. .	5 00
Taneytown Charge.	25 00	Fairview Church.	2 50
Westminster Charge	25 00		
Mechanicstown Charge	25 00	Making.	\$795 14

Juniata Classis.

Martinsburg Charge.	\$109 40	Greenfield Charge.	33 00
Altoona Church \$90.09, and S. S. \$11.00.	101 09	Schellsburg Charge	32 00
Waterstreet Charge	68 00	Everett Charge	30 00
St. Clairsville Charge	45 00	Sulphur Spring Charge	20 00
Huntingdon Charge	43 00	Clear Ridge Charge	8 00
Friend's Cove Charge	39 00	One year's interest on Nicholas Gruber	
Yellow Creek Charge	38 00	legacy	112 75
Bedford Church.	36 00		
Dunning's Creek Charge.	34 00	Making.	\$749 24

Virginia Classis.

Per Treasurer of the Classis.	\$305 00		
One year's interest on Absalom Rinker legacy	60 00		
Making.	\$365 00		

Mercersburg Classis.

Mercersburg Charge.	\$44 85	Loudon Charge	5 00
First Reformed Church of Chambersburg	21 00	St. Thomas Charge	5 00
Rev. Dr. Russell and family	15 00	2d Reformed Church of Chambersburg .	5 00
Waynesboro Charge	15 00	McConnellsburg Charge	1 75
St. Paul's Ref. Church of Waynesboro. .	10 00	1 year's int. on Jacob Stoudenour legacy	12 00
Reformed Church of Shippensburg. . .	10 00		
Grindstonehill Charge.	10 00	Making.	\$153 60

Carlisle Classis.

Sulphur Springs Charge.	\$31 22		
St. Peter's Church of the Landisburg Charge	9 10		
Making.	\$40 32		

RECAPITULATION.

<i>Summary of Receipts.</i>	<i>Paid to</i>	<i>Summary of Payments.</i>	
Bal. in Treas., at last report, Oct. 10, 1887	\$574 00	Beneficiary Students, Maryland Classis.	\$750 00
Received from the Maryland Classis . .	795 14	" " Juniata Classis. . .	587 50
" " " Juniata Classis . . .	749 24	" " Virginia Classis. . .	375 00
" " " Virginia Classis . . .	365 00	" " Mercersburg Classis	177 50
" " " Mercersburg Classis .	153 60	" " Carlisle Classis. . .	31 25
" " " Carlisle Classis. . . .	40 32	Postage and Stationery	2 85
Total receipts	\$2,677 30	Total payments	\$1,924 10
Balance in Treasury, October 6th, 1888.			753 20
			\$2,677 30

We do hereby certify, that we have compared and audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and find the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, with the recapitulation of the summaries of receipts and payments, is a true and faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury of the Board at this time to be \$753.20.

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH, }
J. W. KNAPPENBERGER, } *Committee.*

Mercersburg, Pa., October 6, 1888.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to submit to the Synod, for consideration, the following annual report.

The Board, at the regular annual meeting last June, was organized by the re-election of the undersigned as *President*, the election of Rev. B. R. Carnahan as *Secretary*, and the re-election of E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., as *Treasurer*. The Executive Committee of the Board consists of the aforementioned officers of the Board *ex officio* together with Elder A. R. Schnebly, and W. Rush Gillan, Esq.

The educational work of the college has been conducted, during the past Synodical year, with increasing success by Rev. Dr. Aughinbaugh and his corps of assistant teachers. This has been done without involving the Board in any risk or expense, agreeably to the stipulations of the Synod at this place, eight years ago. At the same time, it is just and proper to state, that the College has been no source of revenue to your Board, owing to the limited number of students. During the sessions of last Winter and Spring, the number of students remained about the same as it was at our last annual report. At the opening of the present session, on the 4th ultimo, there was a marked increase of new students to the number of nearly twenty, so that the present attendance is considerably larger than it has been at any time since the re-opening of the college in 1881. The number of pupils, who board in the refectory is about twenty-five at the present time. An unusually large proportion of these are studying with the Christian Ministry in view. The general conduct of the students, during the past year, has been commendable, and their progress marked. Three of the young men, who have stood connected with the college for a year or longer, and are studying for the Holy Ministry, were admitted to the Sophomore Class of Franklin and Marshall College at its opening last month, "without conditions," to quote the language of the Secretary of the Faculty of said Institution. They are all three of them beneficiary students under the care and supervision of Synod's Board of Education.

The Board is pleased thankfully to acknowledge the receipt from Synod's Treasurer, a month ago, of the three hundred dollars, pledged by the Synod at the annual meeting at Mercersburg, for the past Synodical year. towards meeting the interest on the secured indebtedness of the college, and which has been expended accordingly. The Board, however, regrets the necessity of being compelled to report, that no portion of the sums pledged and apportioned by the Synod in 1886 and in 1887, towards reducing the indebtedness itself or principal of the college debt, has as yet been received by your Board of Regents. The conditions specified in the offer two years ago have been complied with to the extent of \$465.00.—Paid \$365.00 and unpaid \$100.00. The balance will be shortly raised.

The Board would further report, that a small amount of the principal of the indebtedness of the institution has been paid and wiped out since our last report to Synod. The amount of indebtedness reported to the Synod, in session at this place, eight years ago, at the time the college suspended operations, is given, as will be seen by reference to the Minutes of Synod for 1880, as being \$14,297.50. This sum was at least three hundred dollars too little, as the item called "Sundries on running accounts not yet settled, about \$376.00," was found to be about that amount too low. This would make the actual indebtedness, at that time something over \$14,600. Of the items of indebtedness, then

given in the Report of the Board, as found on pages 33 and 34 of the Minutes, the following have been paid and cancelled, to wit: National Bank of Chambersburg loan \$1200.00; Farmers' Bank of Mercersburg loan \$100.00; H. Hause's note for balance on boarding \$1091.68; Professor J. Scheffer on salary \$27.32; Professor J. H. Kershner on salary \$608.90; Levi Miller & Co.'s coal bill \$442.36; A. B. Wingerd's claim \$488.86; Henry S. Zeller's claim \$300.00; Jacob Heyser's claim \$587.00; and about \$500.00 of the Sundries on running account, making a total of \$5,345.52. The Board has also, in the mean time, paid fully \$2,800.00 for interest on the secured indebtedness of the college, and the accrued interest on the claims just enumerated as paid and cancelled. Fully \$1200 00 have also been expended in making repairs, including the \$500.00 voted for this purpose by the Synod at Chambersburg in 1885, and the \$405.00 contributed by the alumni and friends of the college, as previously reported. Nothing has been received, during the year, for repairs on the pledges of the two alumni, noted in our last report as having only partially redeemed their pledges for this specific purpose, made in 1885.

From what has been stated, it will be seen, that the following items of indebtedness, as reported eight years ago, still remain uncanceled, namely: Farmers' Bank of Mercersburg loan \$458.00, secured by judgment; King Mortgage \$3360 00; Rev. Dr. Higbee's claim \$2860 03; Cook Judgment \$1026.25; Professor J. B. Kerschner's claim \$927.21; Professor Geo. F. Mull's claim \$444.49; and about \$100.00 of the item named Sundries on running account, &c. The present indebtedness, including secured and non-secured claims or debts, amounts to about \$10,500.000 in round numbers. Had the Synod fulfilled its obligations made at Mercersburg in 1886, and at Mechanicsburg in 1887, the indebtedness would have been two thousand dollars less than the sum just named.

Since the meeting of the Synod at Chambersburg, three years ago, the Board of Regents, as then directed, have made certain repairs to Synod's property at Mercersburg. The following sums have been accordingly expended for this purpose, namely:

For shingles and iron-roofing	\$304.36
For paints, oil, hardware, glass, &c.,	265 17
For mechanics' labor in making repairs . . .	374 69

Amount \$944.22

In the last eight years a considerable amount has been spent in keeping up the fire insurance on the different buildings, the insurance carried being twenty thousand dollars. Other expenses, such as sheriff's and court costs, &c., had to be met, amounting to a considerable sum.

Respectfully submitted by order and in behalf of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: DEAR BRETHREN.—The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary beg leave to report that during the past year they endeavored to discharge their duties according to the best of their abilities. At the close of the Seminary year they attended the examination of the students, and as far as possible looked into the moral and spiritual condition of the Institution. It gives us pleasure to report that the result of such supervision was satisfactory. The professors have endeavored to discharge their duties in a faithful manner, and the conduct of the students, as well as their diligence in the prosecution of their studies, have been such as to commend them to their teachers and the members of the Board. On the whole, the year

brought to a close was one of more than usual prosperity to the Seminary, for which our thanks are due to the Head of the Church, who has thus enabled us to provide for the wants of the flocks committed to our charge.

During the year there were in all forty-one students connected with the Seminary, eight in the Senior, seventeen in the Middle and sixteen in the Junior Class.

The following young men were admitted to the Junior Class at the beginning of the year, in September, 1887: Daniel W. Albright, Thomas J. Bower, James R. Brown, Raymond E. Butz, Abner S. Dechant, Harry F. Dittmar, Jonathan V. George, Irwin W. Hendricks, Stanley L. Krebs, Albert Lobach, Monroe M. Noacher, Miles O. Noll, George W. Richards, J. Lucian Roush, Elmer E. Weller, and Charles T. Young. Eleven of this number were college graduates. Of the remaining five all were prepared to pursue the regular course of study except one. This again is one of the largest accessions of new students to the Seminary in any single year during its past history.

The Middle Class consisted of the Juniors of the previous year, with the exception of J. Amandus Herbst, who was compelled to withdraw from the Seminary for the want of funds, and of Calvin E. Bartholomew, who was restored to his place in the class with the full approbation of the Board.

The Senior Class having completed the prescribed course of study, and sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board, were dismissed with the usual testimonial at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are the following: Oswald E. Accola, J. Stewart Hartman, Stewart U. Mitman, John F. Moyer, Aaron Noll, S. Charles Stover, Charles B. Schneider and Ernest Wagner. Mr. Accola was admitted to the Senior Class on the strength of a certificate of dismission from the Faculty of the Mission House, at Sheboygan, Wisconsin. With but few exceptions all the members of the class have entered upon the active duties of the ministry.

The instructions in elocution during the past year have been satisfactory, and it is believed that they have had a beneficial effect in improving the manner and style of speaking among the students of the college and Seminary. The Board therefore asks the three Synods to make the same appropriation to pay the salary of the teacher in elocution during the coming year as it did last year: the Synod of the United States, \$100; the Synod of Pittsburgh, \$75; and the Synod of the Potomac, \$75.

The funds needed for this purpose during the years 1886-87 were supplied by private liberality, with the exception of \$40, which was secured as a loan by the President of the Board, the Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer. The Board accordingly asks the Synod of the United States to instruct one of its treasurers to pay back this amount to Dr. Kremer, with interest from the time it was loaned until it is paid.

In the fall of 1884 the three Synods represented in the Seminary, resolved each to endow an additional professorship in the Seminary, and the understanding was that the new department thus created should be determined conjointly by the Faculty and the Board of Visitors. As the Board was informed that the Committee of the Potomac Synod had secured nearly \$20,000 for its professorship, and it appeared likely that the Synod at its next meeting would take measures to fill the new chair, it was thought best to refer the matter to the Faculty, with instructions to report what branches should be assigned to the new professorships as they come to be successively filled. Their report was approved by the Board, a copy of which is hereby transmitted to the Synods for their approval.

The Seminary enters upon the present year with encouraging prospects, both as it regards an increase of students and of its teaching force, which is truly gratifying to its friends. It is plain, however, that the number of candidates

for the ministry is still inadequate to meet the growing wants of the Church, and every effort should be made to fill the Seminary to its utmost capacity. It is believed that there are not a few young men in our Church who would be willing to obey the voice of the Spirit to go and preach the Gospel if they were properly encouraged. Such as have the natural and spiritual gifts for this great work should be urged to enter into the service, and as far as necessary be assisted in their preparatory studies, according to the law and custom of the Church. Respectfully submitted, THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct., 1888.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

As regards the new professorship about to be established in this Theological Seminary by the Potomac Synod, the Faculty reports as follows:

It is proposed that the chair endowed by the Potomac Synod be entitled, *The Professorship of New Testament Exegesis*, and that the following branches of studies be assigned to it: Hermeneutics, New Testament Introduction, New Testament Biblical Theology and New Testament Exegesis.

Regarding the two other chairs which it has been decided are to be endowed, one by the Synod of Pittsburgh and the other by the Synod of the United States, the following propositions are submitted:

1. We suggest that one chair be entitled, *The Professorship of Practical Theology*, and that to it be assigned, Catechetics, Cultus, Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, Elocution and Haliotics.

2. We suggest that the other chair be entitled, *The Professorship of Old Testament Exegesis* and to it be assigned, Hebrew and Cognate Languages, Biblical Geography, Antiquities and Old Testament History.

It is understood that so long as one or more of the proposed chairs are vacant, the branches belonging to the vacant chair or chairs are to be distributed among the incumbents of the other professorships.

Respectfully submitted, E. V. GERHART, *President of the Faculty*.
Theological Seminary, May 10, 1888.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

HARRISBURG, OCTOBER 4, 1888.

To the Synod of the Potomac.

DEAR BRETHREN: I enclose with this the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and beg leave to say further that the Board of Trustees of the Seminary held two meetings during the year,—one on the 10th of May in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., at which were present G. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, George Z. Kunkel, John D. Skiles, I. H. Keefer, George Hill, Israel Laucks, C. A. Shultz and A. G. Renninger.

Excuses were received from D. W. Gross and Charles Santee for non-attendance

The present officers of the Board were all re-elected by acclamation.

The last meeting of the Board was held on September 20th in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. Present,—D. W. Gross, J. B. Roth, G. Z. Kunkel, Charles Santee, I. H. Keefer, Israel Laucks, C. A. Shultz and George Heilman. Postals were received from George Hill and A. G. Renninger asking to be excused.

The treasurer, J. B. Roth, presented his report, which was audited and found correct, with a balance in his hands of \$493.96.

Among other items of business, the following action was taken:

That the Synods of the Church be requested to continue the assessments on the different Classes for Theological Seminary aid, and that they direct the stated clerks to report to the treasurer of the Seminary a statement of such amounts assessed.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. Z. KUNKEL, *Secretary of Board of Trustees of Theol. Seminary*.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, September 20th, 1888.

Report of JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Aid Fund of Theological Seminary, to September 20, 1888.

1887, Sept. 20.	For amount received from Lehigh Classis.	\$149 00
" Oct. 7.	For amount received from West Susquehanna Classis	16 35
" Oct. 13.	For amount received from Tohickon Classis.	51 00
" Nov. 1.	For amount received from Schuylkill Classis	129 00
" Dec. 20.	For amount received from friends of Seminary in Philadelphia Classis	22 00
1888, Jan. 9.	For amount received from Bloomfield Charge, Rev. G. E. Addams, Treas.	6 00
" Jan. 18.	For amount received from Christ Ref. Church, Phila., per Chas. Santee.	25 00
" Feb. 6.	For amount received from East Susquehanna Classis, Geo. Hill, Treas.	32 00
" Feb. 27.	For amount received from Rev. T. G. DeLyre, Napa City, Cal.	3 00
" April 2.	For amount received from Carlisle Charge, Rev. G. E. Addams, Treas.	8 00
" April 30.	For amount received from Goshenhoppen Classis.	51 00
" May 1.	For amount received from Goshenhoppen Classis	47 00
" May 7.	For amount received from East Susquehanna Classis	39 00
" May 14.	For amount received from West Susquehanna Classis	38 40
" May 21.	For amount received from East Susquehanna Classis	19 00
" May 24.	For amount received from Lancaster Classis.	66 00
" May 24.	For amount received from Carlisle Classis	8 31
" June 25.	For amount received from Tohickon Classis.	38 00
" July 7.	For amount received from Lehigh Classis.	21 00

\$769 06*Amount credited in Endowment Fund Account, September 14, 1888.*

1888, Sept. 20.	For amount of Endowment Fund reported to September 20, 1887	\$69,474 76
	For additional amount received during the year from the Treasurer of Synod Committee, Geo. W. Hensel	7,080 00
1888, Sept. 20.	Amount of Fund is	\$76,554 76

Income of said Fund.

1888, Sept. 20.	For amount due Seminary	765 20
" Sept. 20.	Sundry interests received to date	4,772 38
" Sept. 20.	Aid Fund account to date.	769 06

Cr.

1888, Sept. 20.	By salary accounts and sundry bills paid, as per vouchers to date	\$6,306 64
1888, Sept. 20.	Amount of Balance due Seminary	\$5,812 68
1888, Sept. 20.	Amount of Balance due Seminary	\$493 96

Library Fund.

Principal of Fund reported September 20, 1887	\$2,069 36
Less amount of E. J. Zahm's note, deducted per order Seminary Board	250 00
Principal September 20, 1888, is.	\$1,819 36

Dr.

1888, Sept. 20.	For balance due and sundry interests received to date	\$195 54
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Cr.

1888, Sept. 20.	By sundry bills paid	105 62
	Balance due Seminary Library, September 20, 1888	\$89 92
1888, Sept. 20.	<i>Building Fund.</i> Principal is.	\$12,883 05
	Int. on same accounted for in current expense account of Theo. Sem'y	
1888, Sept. 20.	<i>Pittsburgh Prof. Fund.</i> Amount of Fund is.	\$1,718 30
	Interest on same accounted for same as in Building Fund.	
	<i>Smalts Fund.</i> Principal	\$5,000 00

Dr.

1888, Sept. 20.	For interest received on same to date	\$375 00
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1888, Sept. 20.	By amount paid Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, Treas. of Board of Ed.	375 00
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Lancaster, September 20, 1888.

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer.

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared vouchers, find the same correct.

I. H. KEEFER,
CHARLES Santee,
C. A. SHULTZ,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Education would respectfully submit the following report:

The following documents were referred to this committee, viz.: the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, accompanied by a synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, the Report of the Board of Education of this Synod, the Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, and a communication from the Mercersburg College Association.

From the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary we learn that the past year was one of more than usual prosperity for that institution. At the beginning of the year sixteen students, eleven of whom were college graduates, were admitted to the Seminary. Forty-one students in all were in attendance during the year. The members of the Senior Class, eight in number, having at the close of the year sustained a satisfactory examination, were dismissed from the Seminary, and almost all the members of the class are already engaged in the active duties of the ministry.

The instructions in elocution are reported as having been satisfactory and attended by a manifest beneficial effect, on which account the Board requests that the same appropriation as last year (\$75) be made by this Synod towards paying the salary of the instructor in elocution.

The Board further reports that, considering that this Synod might possibly wish, at its present meeting, to take measures to fill the chair of the Professorship in the Theological Seminary now in process of being endowed by it, it was deemed proper to refer the matter to the Faculty, with instructions to report what branches should be assigned to the new professorship, and that by the Faculty (whose report on the subject accompanies that of the Board of Visitors) it is proposed that the professorship now being endowed by the Potomac Synod be entitled, "*The Professorship of New Testament Exegesis*," and that to it be assigned the following branches of study, namely, Hermeneutics, New Testament Introduction, New Testament Biblical Theology and New Testament Exegesis.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary requests that the Synod continue its assessments on the several Classes for Theological Seminary aid, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to report to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary the amount assessed for this purpose.

From the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary it appears that to the previous endowment of the Theological Seminary—\$69,474.76—there has been added, during the past year, the sum of \$7,080. There has been received, during the year, for Seminary aid, \$769.06. The income of the year has been \$6,306.64. For salaries and sundry bills there has been paid out \$5812.68, leaving a balance due the Seminary of \$493.96.

In regard to these matters, your committee would recommend the following action:

1. That \$75 be granted by this Synod towards paying the salary of the instructor in elocution in the Theological Seminary, and that the same amount be granted for Seminary aid, and that the Committee on Finance be directed to apportion these amounts among the several Classes.

2. That we acquiesce in the suggestion of the Board of Visitors and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary that the proposed professorship of the

Potomac Synod in the Theological Seminary bear the title of "The Professorship of New Testament Exegesis."

3. That this Synod expresses its desire and intention to complete as speedily as possible the work in which it is engaged of raising the sum of \$35,000 for the endowment of a professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and earnestly urges all the pastors and congregations belonging to it to assist the Endowment Committee in the efforts now being made to accomplish this important object.

The Report of the Board of Education announces that its work during the past year was attended by a more than ordinary measure of success. The number of students under the care and supervision of the Board has been increased from twelve to twenty-two. The income of the Board, however, has not been correspondingly increased, the actual increase of the past year having been but \$560.25. The need is pressing, as there is not enough money in the treasury to make the second quarterly payment, which ought to be made within the next four weeks. The total receipts for the past year were \$2677 30; the total expenditures, \$1924 10; leaving a balance in the treasury of \$753.20. It is further reported that most of the Classes have failed to meet their apportionments for Beneficiary Education, and that from five of the Classes nothing has been received.

On the basis of this report, your committee would recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That this Synod reiterates its request that collections for the cause of Beneficiary Education be taken up in all the churches within its bounds, earnestly urges that special efforts be made to provide for the treasury an income that shall be commensurate with the increased demands upon it, and advises that \$3300 be apportioned for this object.

2. That the several Classes are requested to exercise great care and discrimination in the matter of receiving applicants for beneficiary aid; that the best material may be secured, and none may be admitted to this privilege in whose cases such aid is not a real necessity; and, further, that it be made known, by every possible means, that the Church expects those young men also to consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry, who, through their parents or by their own efforts, may be able to provide for their own education.

The Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College announces that the past year has been a prosperous one for that institution; that, at the opening of the present year, there was a marked increase in the number of students, the number of boarders at present being twenty-five, and the attendance considerably larger than at any time since the re-opening of the College in 1881; that the management of the institution has involved no risk or expense to the Board, nor has it, on the other hand, been the source of any income to the Board; that the \$300 pledged by the Synod at its meeting at Mercersburg has been paid for the last synodical year, but that no portion of the sums pledged and apportioned by the Synod in 1886 and 1887 towards reducing the indebtedness or the principal of the college debt has been received; that the debt of the college, as it stood eight years ago, has been reduced by the sum of \$5,345.52; that the present indebtedness of the institution amounts to about \$10,000.

Your committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod is gratified to learn of the increasing prosperity of Mercersburg College, and again commends this important institution to the patronage of the pastors and people within its bounds.

Resolved, That the sum of \$300 for payment of interest on the debt of the college be apportioned this year, as usual, according to the promise of Synod,

and that the sum of \$500, previously pledged towards reduction of the indebtedness be paid, according to Synod's promise, so soon as the specified conditions shall have been complied with.

In regard to the communication from the Mercersburg College Association, asking the Synod to take such measures as shall liquidate as speedily as possible the indebtedness of Mercersburg College, the committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Synod, respectfully acknowledging the receipt of the request of the Mercersburg College Association, and sympathizing with its purpose, does not feel itself able to do more than it is at present doing for the relief of the necessities of Mercersburg College. J. S. KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

SYNODICAL PROFESSORSHIP ENDOWMENT.

The Synodical Professorship Endowment Committee presented the following annual report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on the Endowment of a Theological Professorship for this Synod submit the following report:

So far as opportunity has been afforded your committee for pressing forward the endowment work during the synodical year just closed, we take pleasure in reporting hopeful and encouraging progress. The claims of the movement were brought before the attention of nine congregations, which, in most instances, were very thoroughly canvassed, resulting in contributions aggregating nearly \$3000. Of this amount, a little more than \$2000 have been paid, the remaining unpaid obligations falling due in the course of a few months.

That the fund does not increase more rapidly is not due to any indifference or inactivity on the part of the committee, or to an unwillingness on the part of the membership to contribute to the support of the cause. The several members of the committee are willing to enter any field that may be opened to them, and so far have availed themselves of every open door. But even if all the charges of the Synod, in the near future, were to be thrown open to the endowment movement, its progress would be comparatively slow, owing to the fact that the members of your committee can devote to the work only so much of their time as can, without detriment, be spared from their respective pastoral charges. We are confident, however, that the work would be greatly facilitated, and its consummation hastened, if our pastors more generally were to give it their immediate active support.

In making this statement, we would not be understood as questioning the sympathy of pastors or their willingness to see the work successfully carried forward; but we simply face the fact that the movement has been more or less retarded by a disposition, on the part of some of our pastors, to unduly magnify local difficulties or what they regard as parochial obstructions.

We grant that in some exceptional instances it is wise to wait for "a more convenient season;" but the time has come when such instances should be rare exceptions. We, therefore, urge upon our pastors not only to throw widely open the doors of their charges to the endowment movement, but to give to it such active, earnest support as its merits demand. Wherever this policy has been pursued, gratifying success has followed.

As to the attitude of the membership toward the endowment cause, we are permitted to report that our expectations have been more than realized. The movement so commends itself to the people that, once made acquainted with its significance and its claims, they are ready, as a rule, to respond with their sympathies and their offerings. In some of the congregations canvassed during the past year, only one or two instances of refusal to contribute were reported. Nor is this success the result of persistent pleading on the part of

your committee. Let it be said to the credit of our membership that personal solicitation is not required to secure their offerings for the endowment treasury. With such an appreciative and willing spirit manifesting itself on the part of our membership, we have no cause to halt in our efforts; on the contrary, we have strong incentive to press forward patiently and hopefully toward the end.

Your committee, therefore, would recommend,—

(1) That all the pastors again are urged by this Synod to co-operate heartily by word and work with the committee in their efforts to complete the Endowment Fund, and that pastors whose fields have not been thoroughly canvassed do now agree to open the same to the committee within the next two years, with the view, if possible, to complete the fund by the expiration of said time.

(2) That Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher be appointed a member of the committee for Juniata Classis; that Rev. A. B. Stoner be appointed as an assistant for Carlisle Classis, and that the superintendent be authorized to appoint an additional assistant for Maryland Classis.

The expense incurred by your committee in carrying forward the work during the year amounts to \$22.75, which has been paid by the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee.

J. C. BOWMAN, *Supt.*

The Board of Education, as instructed by the Synod of last year, arranged the programme for the educational meeting held on Thursday evening, which is found incorporated in the Report of the Committee on Religious Services.

Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. C. Bowman and A. H. Kremer were nominated as members of the Board of Visitors, and Elders Henry Wirt, Israel Laucks, H. Wirt Shriver, Edgar Slagle, Charles A. Shultz and Isaac H. Keefer, as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., from this Synod, for the term of one year.

At the election for members of the different Boards of Synod, held during the session of Saturday afternoon, Revs. W. Goodrich, W. I. Stewart and Elder J. Heyser were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years. At the same time E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder A. R. Schnebly and W. Rush Gillan, Esq., were re-elected members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, severally, at the present time, to wit:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. Goodrich, W. I. Stewart and Elder J. Heyser, for three years; Revs. S. S. Miller, W. C. Cremer and J. D. Miller, for two years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and J. S. Kieffer, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS: E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder A. R. Schnebly and W. Rush Gillan, Esq., for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier and B. R. Carnahan, for two years; and Rev. S. S. Miller, Elder S. Hoefflich and W. J. Zacharias, Esq., for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, the Report of the Superintendent of Missions,

and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Monday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several Reports are as follows :

REPORT OF TRI-SYNODIC BOARD.

To the Synod of the Potomac :

Rev. Fathers and Brethren : We herewith present for your consideration and action the annual reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, asking such action on your part as shall best further the cause in which we are engaged.

J. O. MILLER, *President,*

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS FOR 1887-88.

To the Reverend Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the United States :

DEAR BRETHREN:—At the beginning of this missionary year we had on the published roll 50 missions, to which 6 have been added, namely, Freeland, Hazelton, Plymouth, Maquoketa, Sioux City and York. Of these 56 missions please note:—1) Harrisburg has become self-supporting. 2) Albany, Emporia and Orbisonia have been dropped from the roll as unpromising. 3) The remaining missions, namely, all those in the statistical table not in italics, are the new roll for the year beginning October 1st, 1888.

NOTES ON THE MISSIONS.

Abilene, Kansas.—The fruit of the present pastor's four years' work is a large and active membership in two congregations, and one good church with but little debt. The failure of crops has greatly affected the finances. The congregations as such are missionary societies, raising fifty cents a member for missions.

Albany, Oregon.—Here, even under faithful and self-denying effort, the work has gone forward but slowly. No congregation has yet been organized, and but few members have been found either in the city or in the country around where he has been preaching regularly. The prospects being poor, the mission will soon be closed.

Baltimore, Md.—Rev. D. P. Lefever left May 15th, 1888. Student M. O. Noll was supply for three months. A lot has been bought and a church is now building under the care of Maryland Classis. The prospects are better now than ever before.

Bangor, Pa.—Rev. T. A. Huber left May 1st, 1888, and Rev. G. W. Remagen took charge the same date.

Boulder, Iowa.—Rev. W. E. Shaley, after a short pastorate, left March 1, 1888.

Chambersburg, Pa.—Rev. J. B. Shontz took charge May 1st, 1888. The additions have been large and the prospects are bright.

Clearville, Pa.—Rev. D. G. Klein, after a faithful pastorate of several years, left July 1st, 1888, hoping that a younger man might be able to do more than he for the mission.

Concord, N. C.—The additions have been few, but the spirit of the people is good and the prospects are hopeful.

Du Bois, Pa.—During the year many of our members lost heavily by the great fire which swept over the business part of the town; but in good hope the pastor is trying to secure the payment of the debt on the church as a great step toward self-support.

Duncannon, Pa.—The last report of the missionary states that he has resigned.

Dushore, Pa.—Vacant since March 1st, 1888, when Rev. C. H. Mutschler left.

Easton, Pa.—The prospects continue good. The people are united and good work is done.

Emporia, Kansas.—Early in the year a missionary was called, as a last effort to save this interest; but he declined the call, and the Executive Council dropped the mission from the roll, which the Board also approves.

Freeland, Pa.—Half the services are in German. Seriously affected by the strike, but now recovering. Rev. L. C. Edmunds left July 1st, 1888, and Rev. E. D. Miller at once took charge. Prospects good.

Harrisburg, Pa.—This mission, grateful to the Church for past aid, has now become self-supporting. For several years its giving to home missions has almost equalled its appropriations.

Hazellton, Pa.—The congregation was organized in June, 1887. The Sunday-school and Missionary Society were organized a few months later by Rev. E. D. Miller, who also supplied the mission until June 1st, 1888, when Rev. Aaron Noll became pastor. Services are held in a third-story hall. Building a church now engages their attention.

Imogene, Iowa.—The present pastor took charge January 1st, 1888. A long vacancy was hurtful. The field is improving.

Iola, Kansas.—Brighter prospects. The people are struggling with failure of crops, and yet are bravely building a much-needed church.

Johnstown, Pa.—The town is growing rapidly. The prospects of the mission are good.

Kansas City, Mo.—Rev. R. L. Gerhart left April 15th. The mission was then supplied by Rev. A. S. Weber till August 1st, 1888. The interest on the debt is met by the rent of two houses on the church-lot.

Lancaster, Pa.—A large Sunday-school and a large catechetical class are hopeful signs, as well as the necessary enlargement of its building. Steady progress from year to year.

Lansdale, Pa.—This promising mission has enlarged its church, and at the same time has increased the pastor's salary.

Latrobe, Pa.—"Prospect never before so bright," says the pastor, who now sees fruit from much hard work.

Leighton, Iowa.—Rev. D. K. Fulcason took charge October 15th, 1887. He is greatly encouraged by the activity of his people, and finds an open door in a neighboring settlement of Hollanders.

Lisbon, Iowa.—Encouraging progress during the year. Liberal giving.

Liscomb, Iowa.—Rev. S. Ream took charge December 1st, 1887. Prospects are a little better.

Lock Haven, Pa.—"The best year of my pastorate," says the missionary. Large additions and fair giving point to early self-support.

Maquoketa, Iowa.—This field, long self-supporting, was last year enrolled only for the time being, and hence is now dropped from the roll. Rev. J. R. Lewis left July 15, 1888.

Marietta, Pa.—Prospects are not bright. The best feature is a united people.

McKeesport, Pa.—From this time this congregation alone will be the mission, the other having been detached to form Braddock mission. Prospects good.

Mt. Jackson, Va.—The mission has introduced a better financial system, but has lost heavily by the death of leading members.

Napa City, Cal.—But little progress made, and yet there is hope.

New York, N. Y.—Martha Memorial Reformed Church is mainly German, but has also much English. The morning session of Sunday-school is English. The "Young Communicants' Association," of about 40 members, is English. And there is as much English catechization as German.

Orbisonia, Pa.—Rev. C. W. E. Siegel left February 1st, 1888, because of the unpromising character of the field, and the mission was then dropped from the roll, and referred to its Classis for care.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A heavy debt but an active people. Large additions and good prospects.

Phoenizville, Pa.—A good field in good condition. Rev. S. P. Mauger felt obliged to resign, leaving September 1st, 1888, after having done a good work in improving the property and in organizing the membership.

Plymouth, Pa.—Organized in 1880. Was under the care of East Susquehanna Classis until a year ago. Slow but steady growth.

Reading, Pa.—Remarkable growth and a hopeful future.

Salem, Oregon.—Even with all his hard work the missionary sees but little progress. The debt is small but burdensome. His people are willing but poor.

San Francisco, Cal.—In January, 1887, the consistory resolved to sell the church and close the work, but postponed doing so one year. In January, 1888, they again notified the Board of their purpose to sell the property, pay their debts and give the surplus to the Board. This is now in progress.

Scottdale, Pa.—Rev. H. S. Garner took charge nearly five years ago, with one congregation. After doing much work he now leaves it with three.

Seattle, W. T.—Grading the street having ruined the old site, a church has been built elsewhere, greatly burdening the congregation. "The outlook is better than ever," says the patient pastor.

Sioux City, Iowa.—The missionary preaches in town and country alternately. A lot has been bought and the church is building. The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod in part supports this mission.

Stafford, Oregon.—The missionary speaks of much sowing and little visible fruit. Religious life is low and present prospects are poor; but all the Oregon missionaries have good hope of the future.

Stockton, Cal.—Vacant nearly two years.

Timberville, Va.—Vacant the entire year. Two persons were called, but both declined. "This is a promising point," says the elder.

Topeka, Kansas.—Supplied most of the year by Rev. D. B. Shuey. The Board, for want of funds, has not been able to commission a pastor.

Washington, D. C.—The membership has almost doubled in five years. The audiences are fair and the prospects are good, considering the disadvantages of a floating population and overshadowing churches. The pastor has resigned, to take effect June 1st, 1889.

West Union, Oregon.—The field is becoming more hopeful; but of necessity progress will be slow, which is true of all mission work in Oregon.

Wichita, Kansas.—Large additions, but also many losses. "Times are hard," says pastor Love, "but we have held our own financially and numerically." Bright future. Another young man of the congregation has decided to study for the ministry, making three in all within two years. Cheney, 26 miles distant, is brightening.

• *Wilkinsburg, Pa.*—Finances, additions and prospects are encouraging.

Williamsport, Pa.—The pastor sees much fruit from his four years' work, and a reduction of appropriation is now asked. (The debt is not made an excuse, but is waived aside to relieve the Board.)

Wilton Junction, Iowa.—The missionary, Rev. R. R. Lackey, has left the field.

Winchester, Va.—Vacant all the year, and has lost forty-one members. Rev. U. O. Mohr has been commissioned, taking charge October 1st, 1888. Vigorous efforts have been made to secure from Congress the claim of \$4200 for the use and destruction of their church during the war. The bill granting it is now before Congress. The Board gratefully acknowledges the prompt aid given by pastors and others throughout the Church in urging this claim.

Woodberry, Md.—The quarterly reports are invariably encouraging in reference to additions, attendance and liberality. The pastor gives attention also to the growing work in Northwestern Baltimore, superintending a Sunday-school of 139 and preaching there on Sunday evening.

York, Pa.—The church was built by Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., and dedicated in April, 1888. The congregation was organized in July following, by a committee of Zion's Classis, with very bright prospects. For four months it has been supplied by student W. T. Auman. Rev. I. N. Peightel will take charge October 1, 1888.

Kansas and Nebraska.—Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of our work in the West, reports about 30 places where he has found almost 400 Reformed members, from 6 to 33 in each place. Several of these places are unusually promising, and should have early attention; but to send them pastors is at present simply impossible. (The same thing is true of some important fields in the East, *e. g.*, Steelton, Pa., and Northwest Baltimore.)

During the year he has preached in nearly all the charges in Iowa, Kansas and Wichita Classes, traveling at least 10,000 miles.

REMARKS.

1) This bird's-eye view of the missions shows that in the main they are in good condition, and several are near self-support.

2) We again call attention to the self-helpfulness and large giving of our missions. The 56 missions enrolled, having 5,430 communicants, paid for congregational expenses \$38,724, averaging \$7.31 a member; and for benevolence nearly \$3,500, averaging 63 cents a member. Of the latter amount \$1350 were given for home missions, *i. e.*, 24 cents a member. To see the force of this fact, please note that the average for congregational expenses in the Church at large is only about \$4.50 a member; for benevolence about 77 cents, and for home missions much less than 20 cents a member.

3) It must be noted that several of the values of churches include also the value of the lot; *e. g.*, Phoenixville, Woodberry, Abilene, Easton, Kansas City, New York, Reading, Philadelphia, Wichita, and likely some others.

4) The statistics of Orbisonia, Stockton, San Francisco and Emporia are taken from the report of last year.

5) In the last column of statistics, where no appropriation is named, it is because the mission is vacant.

THE INCOME OF THE YEAR.

1) *The Amount Asked*—The Board a year ago asked the Synods for \$22,000 for the support of missionaries, namely, the Synod of the United States for \$12,000, the Synod of the Potomac for \$5,500, and the Synod of Pittsburgh for \$4,500; but the treasurer's report shows that much less was raised; namely, by the Synod of the United States, \$8,924; by the Synod of the Potomac, \$5,419, and by the Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1,635.

2) *The Amount Paid by Classes.*—The following table shows more definitely where the deficit is, and also the number and approximate cost of the missions in each Classis:—

Synod of the United States.

CLASSES.	Appor- tionment by Synod.	Amount paid to our Board.	Number of Missions.	Cost this year.
East Pennsylvania	\$1415	\$845 40	2	\$450
Lebanon	716	371 74	0	..
Philadelphia	1423	655 19	2	725
Lancaster	763	659 51	3	475

East Susquehanna	741	835	59*	0	..
West Susquehanna	786	867	73	2	475
Goshenhoppen	1150	1033	74	0	..
Tobickon	1075	1047	60	1	200
Lehigh	1730	740	25	0	..
Schuylkill	1460	1817	28	1	450
Wyoming	741	50	00	4	650

Synod of the Potomac.

Zion's	550	134	17	1	300
Maryland	1450	1844	28	3	1200
Mercersburg	550	811	76	1	225
Virginia	450	314	68	3	150
North Carolina	225	55	06	1	250
Gettysburg	900	821	85	0	..
Carlisle	450	331	62	1	75
Juniata	900	817	89	2	170
Portland-Oregon	50	57	90	5	1325
San Francisco	50	92	00	3	200

Pittsburgh Synod.†

Westmoreland . . . . .	..	..	..	3	650
Clarion . . . . .	..	..	..	1	350
St. Paul's . . . . .	..	..	..	0	..
Somerset . . . . .	..	..	..	0	..
Allegheny . . . . .	..	..	..	2	650

The fifteen missions outside these three Synods have cost us about \$5,700, by Classes as follows: Iowa, \$2300; Kansas, \$1900; Wichita, \$1300; New York, \$200.

[Please note: (1) that the total cost is so low because so many missions have been vacant the whole or part of the year; (2) that to this must be added the Board's outlay for Superintendent, secretary and treasurer, traveling expenses, telegrams, postage, printing and other incidental expenses.]

3) *The Effort to raise \$22,000.*—In November last I published and gratuitously distributed 6000 copies of *Leaflet No. 1*, giving much information and appealing for larger funds. In February 2000 copies of *Leaflet No. 2* were similarly distributed, addressed more particularly to our Sunday-schools. And a special effort was made also to secure the Easter alms of our congregations. Many of our pastors and people gave earnest heed to these calls, and in some cases unexpectedly large sums were raised for our treasury; but the whole amount is much smaller than the Board had a right to expect. The total income of the year from all sources, \$16,738, has not placed our work on a cash basis, to say nothing of enlargement.

4) *Will the Church do better next year?*—This yearly report represents the home missionary work of the three English Synods of the East, which have a communicant membership of 125,000, besides 75,000 unconfirmed members. Should not this number of persons give their Board a far larger income? Will not the Synods and Classes, will not pastors and consistories, will not these ordained leaders of the people, during the year to come make greater and more successful efforts to this end?

* Much of this should be credited to Wyoming, according to understanding at the time of division.

† This Synod did not separately apportion the \$3000 which it assumed (instead of \$4500 asked). Total amount paid was \$1635.

The Board is painfully exercised concerning the smallness of our income. We cannot enlarge our work. Indeed, we cannot even duly pay the missionaries now on the roll; but it is useless to lament this fact without searching for the cause and trying to apply a remedy. Considering the great need, the great ability of the Church to meet it, and the repeated calls made for more money, why is it that so little has come into our treasury? Is it not because our method of raising this money is a poor one, so different from that used in raising other large sums?

5. *Systematic Getting*.—We again lay this call for more money and the question of method upon the mind and conscience of pastors and people, begging them to give as God has prospered them, and also in a systematic way, as He has taught us to give.

Will our consistories try to *secure monthly offerings* for missions (if not for all benevolence), from both Sunday-schools and congregations, by whatever plan may best suit each community?

Such a systematic getting would work wonders for our income. The world uses it with success. Giving in the Old Testament was intensely systematic, and God gave the plan. Even a very small sum given monthly by the membership of our three Synods would readily double our present income.

Now, will the Synods adopt such a general plan of systematic getting of monthly offerings? Will the Classes urge its introduction in all their charges? Will the Consistories encourage the people to try a plan that has divine sanction?

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

1.) Although the Board asked the Synods for the small sum of \$5,000 for this purpose, yet the treasurer reports only \$2203 received.

2.) With great pleasure we report that in addition to the three Special or Memorial Funds reported last year, two others of \$500 each have been received, namely, one from Elder Charles Santee, of Philadelphia, to be known as the Charles Santee Church-building Fund; and another from Elder Jacob Y. Dietz, of Philadelphia, to be known as the Catharine Dietz Church-building Fund. The Board makes grateful acknowledgment of these helpful gifts.

The three Funds reported last year have been loaned to the mission in Sioux City, Iowa, and the Santee Fund has been loaned to Maryland Classis for Faith Mission, in Baltimore—all on easy payments and at low interest. A mortgage has been received also from the mission at Wichita, Kansas, for \$1500, half of the money collected in the East over a year ago.

3.) The wisdom of having such Funds on hand to be used when most needed, becomes more and more apparent in the experience of the Board; and we trust that many others in the Church, able to establish such Funds, will early do so.

EDITORIAL WORK.

The *Reformed Missionary Herald* has been published, as before, by the Reformed Church Publication House, under the editorial control and direction of the Executive Council. The circulation is about 5,000, the same as last year.

Besides editing the *Herald*, the Superintendent has written almost weekly articles on missions for the *Reformed Church Messenger*, and has prepared and distributed the Leaflets, to which reference is made in another part of this report.

AN ENGLISH MISSION IN CLEVELAND, O.

A year ago the Board promised to co-operate with Ohio Synod's Board, under the management of General Synod's Board, in establishing an English mission in Cleveland, O., and the Executive Council has promised \$350 to this work; but so far no missionary has been secured.

TRANSFER OF OUR PACIFIC COAST MISSIONS.

So soon as the Synods approved the action of the Board, proposing a transfer of our Pacific Coast Missions to a German Board, the Executive Council offered said missions to the Board of the Northwestern and the Central Synods on conditions named in the action; but that Board could not see its way clear to accept our offer, although they consider the terms very fair. The offer will now be made to the Board of the German Synod of the East.

URSINUS UNION.

The missionary work of this body is reported by the treasurer, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D.D., as follows:

Rev. L. K. Derr, Reading, Pa.	\$215
Rev. G. B. Seibel, Harrisburg, Pa.	184
Rev. J. B. May, Birdsboro', Pa.	30
Rev. J. A. Mertz	80
Mission Board of Ohio Synod	205
Grace Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	25
St. Mark's Church, from the First Church of Lebanon, Pa.	240
Miscellaneous	61
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	\$1040

WORTHY OF STUDY.

The following facts should be carefully studied:—

Cash on hand September 20th, 1887	\$1,123 70
Received during the year	16,738 00
Paid out during the year	16,280 00
Cash on hand September 18th, 1888	1,582 00
Due the missionaries to October 1st, 1888	4,250 00
Borrowed money that should be paid next year	2,000 00
Estimated cost of the work next year	17,000 00

Adding the last three items, and deducting the cash on hand, gives us the amount absolutely necessary for the work of the missionary year beginning October 1st, 1888, namely, \$21,668.

THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR.

For the work of the coming year the Board for the fourth time asks for \$22,000 for missions and \$5,000 for church-building, as follows:

For Missions: Synod of the United States, \$12,000; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$4500; Synod of the Potomac, \$5,500.

For Church-building: Synod of the United States, \$2,500; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1,000; Synod of the Potomac, \$1,500.

May God bless our missionaries and our missions. May God awaken greater missionary interest and activity among pastors and people. May God direct our Synods, Classes and consistories in this work. May God give the Board needful guidance. To Him be all the praise.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER, *Superintendent of Missions.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I beg leave to present my Annual Report, exhibiting the income of the Board and the disbursements made by it during the year ending September 18, 1888.

Receipts for Home Missions.*Synod of the United States.*

Classis of Philadelphia . . .	\$655 19
Classis of Tohickon . . .	1,047 60
Classis of Goshenhoppen . . .	1,033 70
Classis of East Pennsylvania . .	845 40
Classis of East Susquehanna* . .	749 85
Classis of West Susquehanna . .	867 73
Classis of Lebanon . . .	371 74
Classis of Schuylkill . . .	1,817 28
Classis of Lehigh . . .	740 25
Classis of Lancaster . . .	659 61
Classis of Wyoming* . . .	135 74

Total from Synod of the United States, \$8,924 13

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Juniata . . .	\$817 89
Classis of Carlisle . . .	331 62
Classis of Maryland . . .	1,844 28
Classis of Mercersburg . . .	811 76
Classis of Virginia . . .	314 68
Classis of San Francisco . . .	62 00
Classis of Oregon . . .	57 90
Classis of North Carolina . . .	55 06
Classis of Gettysburg . . .	821 85
Classis of Iowa . . .	168 21
Classis of Zion . . .	134 17

Total from Synod of the Potomac . . \$5,419 42

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Somerset . . .	\$43 89
Classis of Clarion . . .	33 39
Classis of Allegheny . . .	42 48
Classis of St. Paul . . .	45 00
Classis of Westmoreland . . .	131 95
From the Treasurer of Synod . .	1,338 56

Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh . \$1,635 27

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Synod of the Interior (communion collection) . .	9 00
From Welker legacy, interest and rent	180 00
From Women's Missionary Soc. of the General Synod . .	380 20
From Publication Board, for editing <i>Missionary Herald</i> . .	120 00
From Martha Memorial Ch., New York City	17 00
From Gerhardt Legacy (int.) . .	6 00
From Susannah Dieffenbach- er (Michigan)	10 00
From Ref. Ch., Wichita, Kas. . .	12 00
From Soc'y of Inquiry, Union Theological Seminary, N.Y. . .	1 50
From Rev W. E. Shaley (sum overpaid him)	19 21
From an unknown friend of Missions	5 00
From balance in Treasury, September 20, 1887	1,123 70
	<hr/> \$1,883 61

Total from all sources \$17,862 43

Disbursements.

Orders of the Board paid by Treasurer during year . .	\$14,941 92
Orders paid by Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod . . .	1,338 56
Balance in the Treasury, September 18, 1888 . . .	1,581 95

\$17,862 43

Church Building Fund. Dr.

Received during the year, viz.: from

Classis of Lancaster . . .	\$227 71
Classis of Lebanon . . .	25 00
Classis of Lehigh . . .	140 26
Classis of Philadelphia . . .	38 00
Classis of Goshenhoppen . . .	125 16
Classis of E. Pennsylvania . .	67 50
Classis of Tohickon . . .	113 48
Classis of West Susquehanna . .	124 44
Classis of Schuylkill . . .	484 67—\$1346 22
Classis of Mercersburg . . .	132 39
Classis of Gettysburg . . .	92 83
Classis of Juniata . . .	65 50
Classis of Zions . . .	414 38
Classis of North Carolina . .	1 50
Classis of Virginia . . .	10 00
Classis of Carlisle . . .	34 00—\$750 60
Classis of Westmoreland . .	36 00
Classis of Clarion . . .	50 00
Classis of Somerset . . .	15 00—\$101 00

Miscellaneous Sources.

An unknown source . . .	\$5 00
"Chas. Santee, Special Build- ing Fund,"	500 00
"Lerch Legacy,"	2,375 00
Bal. in Treasury, Sept. 20, '87	3,666 18 \$6,546 18

Total \$8,744 00

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Paid during the year, viz.:

To Rev. J. W. Love, contri- butions for Wichita Mission . .	\$175 00
To Rev. R. L. Gerhart, contri- butions for Kansas City Mission	45 00
To Rev. F. Fox, for use of Martha Memorial Ch, N. Y. . .	60 00
To Rev. Geo. H. Johnson, for use of the Church of the Strangers, Philadelphia . . .	606 00
To Rev. G. Graedel, for use of Reformed Ch. of Seattle, W. Territory	100 00
To Rev. F. Wetzel, for the use of the Reformed Church of Sioux City, Iowa, secured by mortgage	1,500 00
To Rev. F. Wetzel, contri- butions received for Sioux City Church	135 67
To Rev. S. A. Alt, for use of Ref. Church of Iola, Kan. . .	200 00
To Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, of Maryland Classis, secured by mortgage	850 00
To Rev. R. L. Gerhart, for use of Kansas City Mission, se- cured by mortgage	1,567 50
To Rev. J. O. Miller for use of Grace Chapel, York, Pa. . .	381 25
To amount paid Mrs. Naomi Snyder's note, principal and interest	749 00
To amount transferred to Washington Mission Fund . .	248 70
To amount of loan to Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., secured by a judgment	1,442 00
To amount of balance in the Treasury, Sept. 19, 1888 . .	683 88

Total disbursements. \$8,744 00

* About one-half of the moneys credited to East Susquehanna and Wyoming Classis has been contributed by Wyoming Classis.

Washington Mission Fund.

In order to pay a balance due on Mrs. A. V. L. Miller's note, which she held against the Board, the sum of \$248.70 was transferred from the "Church Building Fund," for that purpose, and paid to her, September 26, 1887. Since then the sum of \$50 has been received from the Treasurer of Clarion Classis "to aid in paying indebtedness on Washington D. C. Mission," which, being no longer needed for that purpose was placed in the general Fund for Church Building.

Respectfully submitted, WM. H. SEIBERT, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of said Board, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty enjoined upon us, and find the Treasurer's account correct, with balances in the several funds as stated therein:

For Missions	\$1,581 95
For Church Building	683 88

For the \$1,500 loaned Sioux City Mission and the \$850 loaned Maryland Classis for East Baltimore Mission, no proper legal securities have as yet been received by the Treasurer, and for the \$135.67 paid Sioux City, Aug. 31, 1888, as a donation, out of the Building Fund, no receipt has been forwarded. We recommend that the receipt and securities, when received, be submitted for inspection to Bro. Geo. Kunkel, of Harrisburg, and that in future no "loans" be made until the Treasurer has received the proper legal securities.

D. S. KELLER,	} Auditing Committee.
JNO. H. SECHLER,	
J. A. HOFFHEINS,	

York, Pa., Sept. 19, 1888.

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: "The Lord hath done great things, whereof we are glad." With this note of praise to Almighty God for His great mercies through another year, permit me to lay before your Reverend body a brief report of our Foreign Missionary work.

The record of the past year is a grand recital of magnificent prosperity. And this saying applies to the zeal and liberality of the Church at home as well as to the work of our faithful missionaries in Japan. The Church has paid more attention to the cause of Foreign Missions than at any other time in her history. Our people have been awaking from a deep slumber, and we confidently hope that it may be a resurrection which knows of no second death.

The royal command of the Lord Jesus—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," has struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the people, for they take more interest in, and give more liberally for, the spread of the Gospel.

Our contributions for the last twelve months amount to \$20,000. This sum, however, includes in part the special offerings for the Girls' School Building at Sendai, the dwellings for the lady teachers and missionary Hoy, and the sending forth of two new missionaries and a lady teacher for the Girls' School.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. A. D. Gring and wife are still with us. Since he is unable to return with his family to Japan this fall, he will continue his visits among the Churches in this country in the interest of the Board for its Mission in Japan. His stay in America has had a healthful influence on our pastors and people, to whose confidence and affection we commend him anew.

Rev. J. P. Moore and wife labor at Yamagata. He is the Principal of an English-Japanese school. His success as a teacher has been a great help to

him in his evangelistic work. He writes: "Our school has been a sort of advertising medium to Christianity." He has laid the foundation for a flourishing congregation. The membership comprises the best people of the town, and with the new chapel the growth of the congregation is assured.

Mrs. Moore is an invaluable help, and she is never weary in doing good to the poor and needy. She is an angel of mercy to the infirm of the hospitals. The Board is very anxious to secure another missionary family for Yamagata, for which provision has already been made, but up to this time our efforts have been in vain. We trust that the proper man may be found very soon.

Rev. W. E. Hoy was married to Miss Mary B. Ault on the 27th day of December, 1887. He is the Elijah in the school of the Prophets at Sendai, and with his amiable wife will accomplish great things for the Lord.

The Misses Poorbaugh have charge of the Girls' school at Sendai. Miss Lizzie is one of the founders of that noble institution. Miss Emma arrived at Yokohama on the 9th day of July, 1888. The Board awaits great results from the joint labors of these sisters. We believe that the statement made by a missionary in regard to two sisters of another Church, will be verified in this instance:—"I never knew better work than that done by two sisters, so permanent, so steady and every way successful and admirable, and they are still at it and apparently good for another quarter century."

Rev. D. B. Schneider and wife arrived at Yokohama on the 21st day of December, 1887. He is making rapid progress in the study of the Japanese language, and is wielding a good influence in the Theological Training School at Sendai.

SALE OF THE TOKIO HOUSE.

For reasons satisfactory to the Board, the 28 Tsukiji property was sold on the 14th day of July, 1888, for \$3000 (Mexican currency). We are confident that the future will make it plain to the Church that the judgment of the Board as well as the judgment of the Mission has been correct in this matter.

The sale of the house will in no wise interfere with our work in and around Tokio. The churches at Bancho and Nihon Bashi will remain as heretofore, under the care of the Mission, and receive appropriations from the Board. The money realized from the sale of the Tokio house will be used in the erection of the buildings at Sendai.

THE NEW BUILDINGS.

The Girls' School building is in process of erection, and the teachers expect to occupy it by next Christmas. Besides the school building, the Board is erecting two dwellings—one for the lady teachers and the other for missionary Hoy.

The cost of the several structures will exceed the fund on hand for these specific purposes, but the Board has full confidence in the liberality of the people, and in faith, we go forward.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

On the 29th day of September, 1888, at the Synod in Lancaster, Pa., the Board of Foreign Missions was organized with the following ministers and elders as its members: Revs. Dietrich Willers, Elias Heiner, Bernard C. Wolff, John Cares, Samuel Gutelius, Joseph F. Berg, Samuel R. Fisher, and elders John J. Mayer, Matthew Shaw, Daniel Buckey, John B. Seidenstricker and Burchert Mayer.

It is proper that we should celebrate such a memorable event. The Board has set apart the month of November as a suitable season for missionary services in honor of its fiftieth anniversary. A historical sketch will soon appear,

containing many interesting facts. An Order of Service will also be ready in due time. The Board respectfully requests the Reverend Synods to take such action as will help to make the month of November a Jubilee of Missions.

STATISTICS OF THE WORK.

The statistical table of the Mission for the fiscal year ending June 1, 1888, presents a bird's-eye view of the work done by our faithful band of workers in Japan. Truly the Lord of the harvest has been graciously smiling upon their efforts to save souls. And the half has not been told. Back of the cold figures are the throbbing hearts of thankful men, women and children, who greatly rejoice that Jesus Christ dwells in them—"the hope of glory." These cheerful tidings of the marvellous success of our dear brethren and sisters in the Empire of the Rising Sun, should fill us with fresh zeal and new courage.

In behalf of these precious "First Fruits," we kindly ask for the earnest prayers, the warm sympathy and the liberal support of all the Churches, and we affectionately urge the Reverend Synod to impress upon the hearts and minds of the people the urgent claims of Foreign Missions.

There is a great work for us to do in Japan, and the present is the missionary opportunity of our Church. Let us improve the golden opportunity and the Lord will cause the light of our dear Zion to shine more and more unto the perfect day.

Yours in Gospel Bonds,

Pottsville, Pa., Oct. 1, 1888.

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

TOKIO DISTRICT.	Organized Churches.	Churches Self-sup.	Preaching Stations.	Baptized Adult conv.	Baptized Childr'n.	Mem. Rec. by Letter	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Pres. Memb.				Boys' Schools.	Scholars in same.	Girls' Schools.	Scholars in same.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological School.	Student or Theology.	Native Ministers	Unord'ined Pre'ch'r.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.
									Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.													
Nihon Bashi.....	1			9				5	25	16	9	50					1	58			1				\$44 63
Oji.....				12	1		10		17	17	4	38						1	22						17 60
Iwatsuki.....	1			6	2	17			53	21	7	81					1	45				1			20 98
Matsubayashi and Noda				1	3		14		18	9	8	35					1	38							7 20
Bancho.....	1	1		48		39			78	44	2	124					1	95		1	1	1			405 00
SENDAI DISTRICT.																									
Sendai, Fukushima, Na-	1	1	3	207				5	346	143		489			1	48	5	161	1	8	3	2	2	1	\$768 27
kamura, Hobara.....	1			61					73	25		98	1	78			1	93			1		1		155 81
Iwanuma.....	1			31					42	16		58					1	58				1			67 55
Ishinomaki and Tome.	1					2			24	12		36					1	11							35 00
Furukawa.....	1	1	2	20		2	26		42	25		67					1	73			1				178 50
Hakodate.....																									
Mombetsu, Mororan	1	1	2	77					66	34	2	103					1	30			1				210 00
and "Iburi".....				12					16	7		23	1	83			1	35				1			40 00
Yamagata.....																									
Grand Total.....	8	4	7	482	8	58	56	6	801	369	32	1202	2	161	1	48	16	719	1	9	7	7	2	2	\$1950 54

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully present the following as their report:

There have been referred to us for consideration the reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions,

of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and a communication from the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

From the report of the Superintendent of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions we learn with great pleasure that the work has been carried forward during the past year with a commendable degree of zeal, and with very encouraging success. We have thus good cause to be thankful to the Great Head of the Church for the blessings vouchsafed to this department of work in the extension of His kingdom in the world. There were fifty-six missions under the care of the Board during the last Synodical year. Five of this number have become self-supporting or have been dropped from the roll as unpromising. There are therefore at present fifty-one missions claiming the support of the Tri-Synodic Board. It is pleasant to observe that the missions themselves give liberally to local and general objects of benevolence. Thus we learn from the Superintendent's report that the fifty-six missions enrolled, having 5,430 communicants, paid for congregational expenses \$38,724, averaging \$7.31 a member; and for benevolence nearly \$3,500, averaging 63 cents a member. To see the force of this fact, we are asked to note that the average for congregational expense in the Church at large is only about \$4.50 a member, for benevolence about 77 cents, and for Home Missions much less than 20 cents a member. There is, we are glad to note, an increasing interest manifested by the Church from year to year in the work of Missions, and we have just cause to be encouraged. And yet, we know that much more should and could be done in this very important part of the work of the Church. The Superintendent tells us in his report that the Board is painfully exercised concerning the smallness of the income. They cannot enlarge the work, and not even duly pay the missionaries now on the roll. A year ago the Board asked the Synods to raise \$22,000 for the support of missionaries, namely, the Synod of the United States for \$12,000, the Synod of the Potomac for \$5,500, and the Synod of Pittsburgh for \$4,500; but the Treasurer's report shows that much less was raised, namely, by the Synod of the United States only \$8,924, by the Synod of the Potomac \$5,419, and by the Synod of Pittsburgh only \$1,685. We are glad to report that in addition to the three special or memorial Church Building funds reported last year, two others of \$500 each have been secured. The wisdom of having such funds on hand to be used in aiding struggling mission churches is very apparent, and it is to be hoped that there may be many more individuals in the church able to establish such funds. The Board is very emphatic in pressing the call for more money, and the question of method in securing it upon the mind and conscience of pastors and people, and begs them to give as God has prospered them, and also in a systematic way, as He has taught us in His word. The Board has transmitted to this Synod a communication, which your Committee deem best to embody in this report. The communication is as follows: 1st, In reference to your request for the unification of our mission work under the direction of the General Synod's Board—*Resolved*, That this Board believes it has no power to act, but that the whole matter rests with the Synods forming this compact.

Resolved, That this Board overtures the several Synods to insist upon our membership removing from one locality to another taking their letters of dismission with them, thus fulfilling the constitutional obligation on this point, and in many places materially helping our struggling missionary interests.

Resolved, This Board overtures the several Synods to instruct, through the Classes, all the churches and charges under their care, with their Sunday-schools, which have not yet introduced some efficient plan of monthly offerings for Missions, to set apart one Lord's day every month, which shall be known as Missionary Sunday, when special offerings for said cause of Home Missions shall be lifted. The Board again asks this Synod to raise \$5,500 for Home Missions and \$1,500 for Church Building.

In regard to the work of Foreign Missions, we may well say, "The Lord has done great things whereof we are glad." In the language of the Secretary of the Board in his report to this Synod, the record of the past year is a grand recital of magnificent prosperity. And this saying applies to the zeal and liberality of the Church at home, as well as to the work of our faithful missionaries in Japan. The contributions for the last twelve months amount to \$20,000. This sum, however, includes, in part, the special offerings for the Girls' School Building at Sendai, the dwellings for the lady teachers and the missionary, W. E. Hoy, and the sending forth of the new missionaries and a lady teacher for the Girls' School.

The Secretary of the Board informs us that Rev. A. D. Gring will not be able to return to Japan this Fall, and will continue his visits among the churches in this country in the interests of the Board for its Missions in Japan. His stay in America has had a healthful influence on our pastors and people, to whose confidence and affection the Board commends him anew. The labors of Rev. J. P. Moore and wife at Yamagata, of Rev. W. E. Hoy and the Misses Poorbaugh, and also of Rev. D. B. Schneder at Sendai, are regarded as invaluable to the prosperity of our mission work in Japan.

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In conclusion we offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod accepts the sum of \$6,000 for Home Missions and \$1,500 for Church Building for the ensuing year, and that said amounts be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the several Classes.

Resolved, That we do again most earnestly commend the cause of both Home and Foreign Missions to the prayers and liberality of all our pastors and people.

Resolved, That the Classes be respectfully urged to pay their apportionments in full, and that they be requested to increase their contributions, if possible.

Resolved, That we hail with joy the continued prosperity of the mission work in Japan.

Resolved, That we adopt the suggestion of the Board of Foreign Missions in reference to celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Board by holding suitable missionary services in the month of November, and that all our pastors be requested to urge the people to contribute liberally to the cause of our mission work in Japan.

Resolved, That the Classes be instructed to adopt a systematic plan of securing offerings for missions from both congregations and Sunday-schools, as it may be best for each community.

Resolved, That the attention of our pastors and people be called to the recommendation of the Tri-Synodic Board in reference to the importance of members securing certificates of dismission when removing from one locality to another.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this action to every pastor, and in case of vacant charges, to the consistories of such charges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CREMER, *Chairman*.

Revs. T. J. Barkley, A. C. Geary and W. H. Herbert were appointed the committee to co-operate in the management of mission work in Baltimore, so as to fulfill the requirement set forth in item 4 of the Report on Minutes of Synod.

The Corresponding Secretary, who was instructed to issue a circular in behalf of Foreign Missions, as stated in item 17 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, submitted the following report:

The Corresponding Secretary, instructed at the last annual meeting of the Synod to issue a circular soliciting liberal donations for the cause of Foreign Missions, would report that he attended to the duty assigned, and in doing so incurred an expense of two dollars for printing and postage.

J. DAVID MILLER, *Cor. Sec.*

The report was adopted, and the bill ordered to be paid by Synod's Treasurer.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, the General Synod has taken action looking to the unification of the work of Home Missions under the Board of the General Synod; and, WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Synod as well as the Synod of the Potomac has taken action to the same effect; therefore,

Resolved, That the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions be requested to take steps to transfer its missions to the control and management of the General Synod's Board, at as early a date as practicable after the General Synod shall indicate the manner by which such unification can be effected.

At the election for members of the different Boards, Rev. E. R. Eschbach and W. R. H. Deatrich were elected members of the Synodic Board of Missions for the period of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS, AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Revs. E. R. Eschbach and W. R. H. Deatrich for four years; Rev. L. Reiter for three years; Revs. J. O. Miller and J. A. Hoffheins for two years; and Revs. T. J. Barkley and J. C. Bowman for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The Report is as follows:

HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer in Account with the Synod of the Potomac, for the year ending October 4th, 1888.*

Dr.		
	To Balance from last year	\$961 95
October 31, 1887.	Zion's Classis, on Contingent Fund	\$2 72
March 22, 1888.	Zion's Classis, for Washington Mission	15 50
March 22, 1888.	Zion's Classis, for Mercersburg College.	7 42
March 28, 1888.	Zion's Classis, for Mercersburg College.	8 42
May 9, 1888.	Zion's Classis, for Mercersburg College.	13 59
September 25, 1888.	Zion's Classis, for Contingent Fund	50 00
September 29, 1888.	Zion's Classis, for Contingent Fund	30 00— 127 65
February 22, 1888.	Maryland Classis, Wichita College.	87 20
June 20, 1888.	Maryland Classis, Contingent Fund	150 00
September 15, 1888.	Maryland Classis, Wichita College.	107 80
September 15, 1888.	Maryland Classis, Theological Seminary.	100 00
September 15, 1888.	Maryland Classis, Bohemian Church.	60 00— 505 00

October 20, 1887.	Mercersburg Classis, College at Wichita	14 00	
November 17, 1887.	Mercersburg Classis, College at Wichita	83 81	
December 1, 1887.	Mercersburg Classis, College at Wichita	41 60	
February 22, 1888.	Mercersburg Classis, College at Wichita	16 00	
May 22, 1888.	Mercersburg Classis, Theological Seminary	10 00	
June 11, 1888.	Mercersburg Classis, Contingent Fund	60 00	
August 31, 1888.	Mercersburg Classis, Bohemian Church	15 00	
September 11, 1888.	Mercersburg Classis, Mercersburg College	100 00	340 4
August 21, 1888.	Virginia Classis, Contingent Fund	50 00	50 00
October 12, 1887.	North Carolina Classis, Contingent Fund	30 00	
October 29, 1887.	North Carolina Classis, Roanoke Mission	75 00	
September 19, 1888.	North Carolina Classis, Contingent Fund	65 00	
September 26, 1888.	North Carolina Classis, Harbor Missions	10 00	
September 26, 1888.	North Carolina Classis, Bohemian Church	5 00	185 00
September 11, 1888.	Gettysburg Classis, Contingent Fund	75 00	
September 29, 1888.	Gettysburg Classis, Harbor Missions	12 00	
September 29, 1888.	Gettysburg Classis, Theological Seminary	5 00	
September 29, 1888.	Gettysburg Classis, Bohemian Church	6 00	
September 29, 1888.	Gettysburg Classis, Mercersburg College	22 00	120 00
October 20, 1887.	Carlisle Classis, College at Wichita	16 75	
November 16, 1887.	Carlisle Classis, Contingent Fund	8 00	
December 7, 1887.	Carlisle Classis, Contingent Fund	5 00	
January 5, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Contingent Fund	6 00	
February 21, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, College at Wichita	5 00	
February 29, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, College at Wichita	20 75	
April 18, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, College at Wichita	47 00	
May 29, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, College at Wichita	12 05	
May 29, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Contingent Fund	2 85	
July 4, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Contingent Fund	22 65	
July 4, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Theological Seminary	7 50	
July 4, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Mercersburg College	15 00	
September 14, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Contingent Fund	27 80	
September 14, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Mercersburg College	8 92	
September 14, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Theological Seminary	70	
September 14, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Bohemian Church	1 50	
October 2, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Harbor Missions	3 35	
October 2, 1888.	Carlisle Classis, Contingent Fund	10 76	221 58
October 12, 1887.	San Francisco Classis, Contingent Fund	18 00	
July 23, 1888.	San Francisco Classis, Bohemian Church	2 00	
September 14, 1888.	San Francisco Classis, Contingent Fund	10 00	30 00
December, 1887.	Juniata Classis, College at Wichita	20 00	
February 18, 1888.	Juniata Classis, College at Wichita	15 00	
April 12, 1888.	Juniata Classis, College at Wichita	48 76	
May 3, 1888.	Juniata Classis, College at Wichita	19 25	
May 10, 1888.	Juniata Classis, College at Wichita	6 05	
May 16, 1888.	Juniata Classis, Mercersburg College	96 00	
May 28, 1888.	Juniata Classis, College at Wichita	25 00	
July 5, 1888.	Juniata Classis, Contingent Fund	75 00	
July 5, 1888.	Juniata Classis, Mercersburg College	27 00	
August 29, 1888.	Juniata Classis, College at Wichita	47 42	
September 26, 1888.	Juniata Classis, Theological Seminary	12 00	
September 26, 1888.	Juniata Classis, Bohemian Church	20 00	
September 26, 1888.	Juniata Classis, Harbor Missions	50 00	461 48

Total Receipts, including balance in Treasury \$3,003 07

Expenditures.

October 12, 1887.	Rev. W. I. Stewart, freight on General Synod's Minutes	2 95
October 18, 1887.	Dr. E. R. Eshbach, travelling expenses Board of Visitors Theological Seminary	6 00
October 20, 1887.	Rev. Cyrus Cort, printing circulars for Committee on Col- lege at Wichita	13 76
October 27, 1887.	Dr. J. O. Miller on principal on Note for \$1,600 borrowed at York Bank	400 00
October 27, 1887.	Interest on balance renewed for four months	24 00
November 1, 1887.	Rev. J. O. Miller, travelling expenses	4 00
December 1, 1887.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, postage on minutes, &c.	12 00
December 5, 1887.	I. H. Keefer, travelling expenses	8 85
December 5, 1887.	H. M. Cocklin, expenses of Synod at Mechanicsburg	25 00
December 15, 1887.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, interest on Stoudenour Legacy for Beneficiary Education	12 00
December 20, 1887.	Ref. Publication Board, for printing Minutes of Synod	172 78
December 22, 1887.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk	100 00
February 29, 1888.	York National Bank, on Note	300 00
February 29, 1888.	Interest on balance of \$900, for four months	18 00

April 16, 1888.	Rev. G. E. Addams, one year's interest due April 10th, on Brechbill Legacy.	12 00	
May 16, 1888.	Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer, travelling expenses.	4 22	
June 30, 1888.	Rev. S. S. Miller, travelling expenses to Board of Regents, Mercersburg College.	3 00	
June 30, 1888.	York National Bank on Note.	200 00	
June 30, 1888.	Interest on balance (\$700), for four months.	14 00	
September 11, 1888.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College, amount pledged for interest on debt.	300 00	
September 29, 1888.	L. H. Keefer, travelling expenses of Board of Trustees of Seminary.	10 50	
October 1, 1888.	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod's Mission Board for Harbor Missions.	72 00	
October 1, 1888.	John B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological Seminary.	135 00	
October 1, 1888.	C. G. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod for Contingent Fund (in part).	229 44	
	and for Bohemian Church.	109 50	1,680 44
Total expenditures.			\$2,189 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands.			814 07
			<u>\$3,003 07</u>

The following Classes are in arrears on the assessments made at Synod of Mechanicsburg, 1887.

Carlisle Classis, Mercersburg College.	\$61 08	
Maryland Classis, Mercersburg College.	250 00	
Juniata Classis, Mercersburg College.	125 00	
Gettysburg Classis, Mercersburg College.	103 00	
" " Theological Seminary.	7 00	110 00
Zion's Classis, Mercersburg College.	55 57	
" " Theological Seminary.	10 00	65 57
Virginia Classis, Mercersburg College.	80 00	
" " Theological Seminary.	5 00	85 00

The following Classes are still in arrears for assessment made for College at Wichita, 1886.

Carlisle Classis.	\$55 70	
Maryland Classis.	72 34	
Juniata Classis.	126 06	
Zion's Classis.	416 00	670 10

Theological Seminary Professorship Endowment Account.

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Expenditures.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
To Cash received from Rev. J. C. Bowman, agent, collected as follows:		Expenses of Collection Committee, Middletown, Md.	\$2 25
From Maryland Classis:		Expenses of Collection Committee, per Rev. J. C. Bowman.	20 50
Manchester Charge.	\$158 25	March 31, 1888. Cash for Littlestown R. R. Bonds.	1,500 00
Silver Run Charge.	33 30	June 1, 1888. Cash for Littlestown R. R. Bonds.	500 00
Woodbury Mission.	89 20	June 25, 1888. Temporary loan at 6 percent.	1,000 00
First Church, Baltimore.	236 45	Total Expenditures.	<u>\$3,022 75</u>
Middletown Charge.	386 75	Balance in Treasurer's hands.	1,234 49
Creagerstown Charge.	5 50		<u>\$4,257 24</u>
Union Bridge Charge.	11 25	Amount of Endowment Fund invested last year.	\$15,600 00
From Mercersburg Classis:		Invested during past year.	3,000 00
Waynesboro.	74 25	Balance in Treasurer's hands.	1,234 49
Chambersburg.	100 00	Total present amount of Endowment Fund.	<u>\$19,834 49</u>
From Juniata Classis:			
McConnellstown.	70 00		
Huntingdon.	49 00		
Altoona.	585 50		
St. Clairsville.	10 00		
Martinsburg, Penna.	71 40		
From Virginia Classis.	99 85		
From Zion's Classis.	15 00		
From Gettysburg Classis:			
Gettysburg.	145 25		
Total amount collected during year.	\$2,140 95		
Received for interest on loans.	1,015 67		
Bal. in Treas.'s hands from last year.	1,100 62		
Total.	<u>\$4,257 24</u>		

Respectfully submitted, HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer.*
Hanover, Pa., October 6th, 1888.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received, amended and adopted. The Report, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports. We have audited the Report of the Treasurer of Synod, and found it correct according to the vouchers.

The following amounts have been referred to your Committee to be assessed or apportioned among the respective Classes: Home Missions \$6,000, Church Building Fund \$1,500, Church Extension in Baltimore \$500, Contingent Fund \$860, Mercersburg College \$300, Deficit of Virginia Classis \$435, Beneficiary Education \$3,300, and Theological Seminary and elocution in same \$150. To provide for the foregoing sums your Committee has made the following apportionments and assessments, to wit:

Apportionment for Home Missions.—Maryland Classis \$1540, Juniata Classis \$985, Gettysburg Classis \$985, Mercersburg Classis \$610, Zion's Classis \$610, Carlisle Classis \$505, Virginia Classis \$455, North Carolina Classis \$255, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$55; making \$6,000.

Apportionment for Church-Building Fund.—Maryland Classis \$360, Juniata Classis \$225, Gettysburg Classis \$225, Mercersburg Classis \$180, Zion's Classis \$180, Carlisle Classis \$150, Virginia Classis \$150, and North Carolina Classis \$60; making \$1,530.

Apportionment for Church Extension in Baltimore.—Maryland Classis \$115, Juniata Classis \$70, Gettysburg Classis \$70, Mercersburg Classis \$60, Zion's Classis \$60, Carlisle Classis \$60, Virginia Classis \$45, and North Carolina Classis 20; * making \$500.

Apportionment for Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis \$1075, Juniata Classis \$750, Mercersburg Classis \$350, Carlisle Classis \$395, Virginia Classis \$300, Gettysburg Classis \$250, and Zion's Classis \$180; making \$3,300.

Assessment for Contingent Fund.—Maryland Classis \$201, Juniata Classis \$101, Gettysburg Classis \$101, Zion's Classis \$106, Carlisle Classis \$106, Mercersburg Classis \$91, Virginia Classis \$67, North Carolina Classis \$67, Portland-Oregon Classis \$20, and San Francisco Classis \$5; making \$865.

Assessment for Mercersburg College.—Maryland Classis \$75, Juniata Classis \$50, Mercersburg Classis \$50, Gettysburg Classis \$35, Zion's Classis \$30, Virginia Classis \$25, Carlisle Classis \$25, and North Carolina Classis \$10 (assumed by Rev. C. U. Heilman personally); making \$300.

Assessment for Theological Seminary.—Maryland Classis \$40, Juniata Classis \$25, Gettysburg Classis \$25, Mercersburg Classis \$20, Zion's Classis \$18, Carlisle Classis \$12, Virginia Classis \$8, and North Carolina Classis \$2; making \$150.

Deficit of Virginia Classis for 1888.—Maryland Classis \$110, Juniata Classis \$65, Gettysburg Classis \$65, Mercersburg Classis \$45, Zion's Classis \$45, Virginia Classis \$45, Carlisle Classis \$40, North Carolina Classis \$15, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$5; making \$435.

The treasurer has failed to report any arrearages except those on last year's apportionments and assessments. As your committee has neither time nor authority to gather up all the existing arrearages, we recommend that the Stated Clerk be instructed to ascertain and append all arrearages to this report, and that the treasurer be directed to report the same in full hereafter until cancelled or disposed of by Synodical action.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman.*

ARREARAGES.

Including the arrearages reported by the treasurer in his report to the Synod, the following arrearages are found resting upon the different Classes at this time, namely:

*Revs. C. U. Heilman and M. L. Firor each personally assumed one-half of the amount.

Washington Mission Chapel Apportionment.—Zion's Classis \$238.00.

Wichita College Apportionment.—Zion's Classis \$416.00, Juniata Classis \$126 06, Maryland Classis \$72.34, and Carlisle Classis, \$55.70. To these amounts interest from April 1st, 1887, must be added.

Roanoke Mission Apportionment (Changed to Church Extension).—Gettysburg Classis \$162 00, and Zion's Classis \$21.10.

Harbor Mission Apportionment.—Maryland Classis \$100.00, Gettysburg Classis \$38.00, Mercersburg Classis \$35.00, Zion's Classis \$40.19, Carlisle Classis \$61.65, and Virginia Classis \$10.00.

Bohemian Church Apportionment.—Zion's Classis \$15.00, Gettysburg Classis \$14.00, Carlisle Classis \$13.50, Virginia Classis \$5.00, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$2 00.

Beneficiary Education Apportionment.—Gettysburg Classis \$325 00, Zion's Classis \$300 00, Carlisle Classis \$259.68, Mercersburg Classis \$171.40, and Maryland Classis \$104.86.

Contingent Fund Assessment—Zion's Classis \$56.23, Juniata Classis \$50.00, Carlisle Classis \$43.94, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$15 00

Mercersburg College Assessment.—Maryland Classis \$500.00, Zion's Classis \$167.05, Carlisle Classis \$150.00, Virginia Classis \$115.00, Gettysburg Classis \$103.00, and Juniata Classis \$87.00.

Theological Seminary Assessment.—Zion's Classis \$80.88, Carlisle Classis \$64.78, Virginia Classis \$45.00, and Gettysburg Classis \$7.00.

The Classes of Zion, Juniata, Maryland and Carlisle, reported by the treasurer of Synod, as still in arrears on their assessments for Wichita College, were urged anew to cancel their indebtedness without further delay.

The attention of all the delinquent Classes was called to their arrearages, with the request that they meet them as speedily as possible.

The request of Zion's Classis, contained in item 3 of the Report on Minutes of Classes, to be exonerated from all its arrearages, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. B. Shontz, F. A. Rupley, and J. C. Bowman. The committee subsequently reported, which was received, amended and adopted as follows :

Your committee, to whom was referred item 3 of the Report on the Minutes of Classes, begs leave to report, that we have examined into the matter and have also conferred with the brethren of Zion's Classis, and we would recommend the adoption of the following action, which in our judgment is the fairest and wisest thing to be done, and which also meets with the approval of the brethren of Zion's Classis, with whom we have conferred, viz. :

Resolved, That the Synod excuse those brethren of Zion's Classis who have contributed to the following objects in other directions to the full extent of their ability, from the payment of the following unpaid apportionments, namely: Home Missions, Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That Zion's Classis be requested to assume and apportion among its charges the amount apportioned on it for Wichita College, and urge upon their people to pay their apportionments promptly.

Resolved. That the Synod assess and apportion upon Zion's Classis its regular share of all monies needed by the Synod, as heretofore.

Resolved, That all monies for Beneficiary Education and Home Missions, passing through the hands of the treasurer of said Classis, shall be credited to the Classis on its apportionments for those objects, and the treasurer be instructed to send the monies to the objects designated by the donors.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. SHONTZ, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Board of Trustees of Synod presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: The Synod's Board of Trustees met and organized by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach as President, and the undersigned as Vice-President and Secretary. No special business claiming the consideration of the Board, it adjourned to meet at the present annual meeting of the Synod. Respectfully submitted, D. N. DITTMAR, *Secretary*.

October 9, 1888.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder John P. Reed, Esq., was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years, from January 1st, 1889.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder J. P. Reed, five years; Rev. D. N. Dittmar, four years; Elder H. Wirt, three years; Elder M. E. Doll, two years; and Dr. L. H. Steiner, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

When item 2 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, under the heading of IRREGULARITIES, was taken up for consideration by the Synod, the point of order was raised that it was not an irregularity, according to Article 72 of the Constitution, and subsequently an additional point of order was raised that it was not properly a part of the report, because inserted by the chairman after the report had been submitted to the committee and signed by its members, without reconvening the committee. The matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. G. Noss, A. H. Kremer and S. S. Miller. This committee, near the close of the Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your committee, to whom was referred item 2 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, begs leave to submit the following:

That the Classis of Mercersburg errs in its judgment in pronouncing the giving of a note by the consistory to a pastor in fulfillment of the temporal contract between them, contrary to the Constitution of our Church, and in forbidding, on this ground, the acceptance of such note by any of its pastors; nevertheless, this Synod deploras the condition of things which makes it necessary to pay the pastor's salary, even in part, in this manner, and earnestly urges all consistories within its bounds to see that the necessity for such settlement be avoided. Respectfully submitted, Jno. G. Noss, *Chairman*.

Immediately upon the adoption of the foregoing report, Rev. W. M. Deatrick gave notice of Complaint to the General Synod from the action of the Synod in the case, and, on motion, Revs. J. G. Noss and J. C. Bowman were appointed to defend the action of the Synod, in case the Complaint is prosecuted before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XVIII. SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Thursday forenoon, which was received and adopted, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Religious Service to make provision to hold the usual Sunday-school anniversary on Friday evening. The report was as follows:

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Members of the Potomac Synod: Dear Brethren.—The Sunday-school Board begs leave to present the following brief report to the Synod:

Our Blessed Father has wonderfully prospered the work of the Sunday-school during the past year; its importance is becoming more and more appreciated by the Church, and every where is it awakening a greater interest and enthusiasm.

Sunday-school and Church conventions have been regularly held in the different Classes, and were usually well attended.

Home and Foreign Missions have also claimed the attention of our people, and their liberal giving has manifested their interest in this work.

The needs of our Orphan's Home, educational institutions and catechization have received the usual attention of our pastors and congregations.

As far as we have been able to learn, Children's Day has been generally observed in the churches within the bounds of our Synod, and the programme, as prepared by the Publication Board, accepted and used, and we believe with great satisfaction.

Sunday-schools are truly nurseries of the Church, and most of her accessions are through the schools. We find from the statistics in the last annual report of the Maryland Sunday-school Union that in the State of Maryland 13,308 children and adults were brought into Christian churches through the various Sunday-schools during one year.

The Board would recommend that Friday evening, the 12th inst., be set apart for the Sunday-school Anniversary Meeting, and would suggest the following topics, with the following speakers:

1. The Conversion and Christian Culture of Children. Rev. F. A. Rupley, and Rev. J. S. Kieffer.

2. The Sunday-school Teacher's Work, and How to do it Successfully. Revs. M. L. Firor and J. C. Bowman.

We would also report the sum of eighty-nine dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$89.39), in the hands of the treasurer at the close of the fiscal year, Oct. 1st, 1888.

Respectfully submitted, G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

In item 31 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, Revs. J. S. Kieffer and C. Clever were constituted the committee from this Synod to co-operate with similar committees from the other District Synods to effect a unification of our Sunday-school Papers, Lesson Helps, and Instructor for Teachers for the whole Church. The committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIFICATION, ETC.

The committee appointed by this Synod at its last annual meeting to co-operate with similar committees from other Synods and the Board of Publication, in the work of providing for the entire Church one system of Sunday-school Helps, would respectfully report that this duty was attended to by them in connection with the meeting (attended and participated in by them) of the

General Synod's Sunday-school Board, at Altoona, Pa., in the month of November, 1887, at which meeting the proposed arrangements for the unification of the Church's Sunday-school Papers, Lesson Helps, etc., was duly and successfully made. Respectfully submitted, J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

The Overture from the Maryland Classis contained in item 4 of Report on Minutes of Classes was, on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. C. Cort, J. S. Kieffer, and A. C. Geary, with instructions to report to the next annual meeting of Synod.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the committee aforesaid be authorized and directed to confer with representatives of other Churches, having similar views and customs respecting the Church Year, and also with the International Sunday-school Committee, in order to secure unity of action to the largest possible degree.

At the election held for members of the different Boards of the Synod, Rev. C. S. Slagle was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. C. S. Slagle, five years; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, four years; Rev. B. R. Carnahan, three years; Rev. D. N. Dittmar, two years; and Elder G. S. Griffith, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

In order the better to attend to its affairs, in securing bonds from the beneficiary students, &c., the Board of Education was authorized to procure an act of incorporation or charter from the Court of Franklin County, Pa.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Stated Clerk reported to the Synod that he had two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distributed them agreeably to the rules of Synod in the case. The work was performed by the Reformed Church Publication Board at the cost of \$172.78, the bill being promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1887-1888.

To the Synods of Pittsburgh, Potomac and United States:

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States would respectfully submit to the Synods named, this, its Annual Report:

During the year just closed the Board held one special and two regular meetings.

The officers of the preceding year were continued, namely: *President*, G. S. Griffith; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Chas. G. Fisher.

As the Synods at their respective Sessions last Fall directed the Board to dispose of the interests under its care on the most favorable terms to a private party, a special meeting was duly called by the President to act in accordance with this direction, which was held at the Publication Rooms, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, November 10th, 1887, 2 o'clock, P.M. Every member of the Board was present.

At this meeting the resolutions of the several Synods were laid before the Board and carefully considered. The only conclusion to be arrived at was, to carry out the direction of the Synods, and that upon the best terms possible.

Therefore, at the instance and request of members of the Board, the Superintendent, Chas. G. Fisher, renewed the proposition which he had made to the Board, at its meeting in September, 1887, and which came before the Synods in the last annual report of the Board, and was subsequently, for reasons then stated, withdrawn by him at the Synods of Potomac and United States. This proposition, after being modified in some particulars at the instance of the Board with the consent of Chas. G. Fisher, was accepted and approved, and the officers were authorized to prepare and execute the necessary papers for the transfer.

Accordingly, on the thirtieth day of December, 1887, the deed conveying the real estate to Chas. G. Fisher was signed by the President and certified to by the Secretary of the Board and delivered, and the agreement and lease entered into by the Board in behalf of the three Synods and Chas. G. Fisher was also duly signed by the same officers and Chas. G. Fisher.

The Agreement and Lease is as follows:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That WHEREAS the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States has this day granted and conveyed unto Charles G. Fisher, of the City of Philadelphia, the premises situate No. 907 Arch Street in said city, in fee simple, under and subject nevertheless to the payment of a yearly ground rent of \$100 and a mortgage debt of the principal sum of \$15,000. And have also by a Bill of Sale of said date granted, sold and delivered to the said Charles G. Fisher all the stock, goodwill, fixtures, book accounts, &c., as particularly set forth in said Bill of Sale.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said Charles G. Fisher, in consideration of the sum of one dollar unto him in hand well and truly paid by the said Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States at and before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, as well as of divers other valuable consideration hereinabove set forth, hath and by these presents doth agree to covenant and enter into the following written lease with the said Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States aforesaid as follows, to wit:

That the said Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States hereby lets and leases unto the said Charles G. Fisher for the term of ten years from the first day of January A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight all the stereotype plates of all the publications belonging to them, and the sole right to use said plates and publish books therefrom, and also the sole right to publish all the periodicals now issued by said Board for his sole and separate use, benefit and profit.

AND IN CONSIDERATION THEREOF the said Charles G. Fisher, for himself, his executors, administrators, hereby agrees to pay all the liabilities or debts of the said publication business to the date of these presents, and indemnify, save and keep harmless the said Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States of and from all debts contracted by them on account of said business to the date hereof, and to pay them three per cent. on the gross receipts of the whole of said business annually, and the said Charles G. Fisher hereby covenants and agrees that the said three per cent. shall not in any one year amount to a less sum than \$1200, said \$1200 to be paid in quarterly instalments of \$300, and any excess accruing above said \$1200 to be paid at end of every year. The said Charles G. Fisher to make a detailed statement of receipts to the Board at their annual meeting and the said Board to have access to the books to ascertain receipts and verify said statement.

It being distinctly understood and agreed upon between the parties hereto

that the Synods of the United States, Pittsburg and Potomac are in consideration of the terms of this lease to agree that they jointly or any one of them will not establish or themselves conduct, or have conducted for them, a publishing house or houses, nor publish any books or periodicals, nor endorse any periodicals that may be published by any private party or individuals either within or without their respective bounds; and also to employ and engage the said Charles G. Fisher to do all their official printing and publishing provided the terms for such printing and publishing are no higher than those of any other party for the same class of work.

No objectionable advertisements to be inserted in said periodicals and the *Messenger* to be delivered free to the life subscribers.

And the said Charles G. Fisher further covenants and agrees that he will keep the periodicals and books up to their present standard as well as keep up to the times as far as practicable, and will not discontinue the publication of any without consulting with and receiving the sanction of the said Board of Publication and will issue them at the lowest cost possible, not exceeding present prices unless first receiving approval of said Board.

It is further agreed between the parties hereto that the editorship of the *Messenger* is to be filled by the Synods, the selection to be agreeable to the said Charles G. Fisher.

And the said Charles G. Fisher further covenants and agrees to pay the salaries of the editors of all the periodicals, the amounts of each to be fixed by him, excepting that of the Editor-in-chief of the *Messenger*, and upon account of that he hereby agrees to pay the sum of \$1000 per annum as his full share.

It is also agreed that the Synodical Editorships are to be filled as now by their respective Synods.

And the said Charles G. Fisher also agrees to print and publish all acknowledgments and notices for the Church and its Boards in the *Messenger* free of charge, or any other official matter which said Synods may desire to have published.

And the said Charles G. Fisher agrees for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators that in the event of his making a sale of the premises 907 Arch Street that he will pay over to the said Board of Publication the full one-half part of any amount he may realize over \$35,000.

And lastly it is hereby agreed and understood that the property of the said Board of Publication as leased to the said Charles G. Fisher is as follows, to wit:

STEREOTYPE PLATES of Heidelberg Catechism; Heidelberg Catechism Simplified; Exercises on the Heidelberg Catechism; Palatinate Catechism, English; Palatinate Catechism, German; Constitution and Form; Psalms and Hymns; Hymns for the Reformed Church; Order of Worship; Family Assistant; Golden Censer; Heaven, or Sainted Dead; Heavenly Home; Heavenly Recognition; Harfe; Child's Catechism; Hymns and Chants; Lives of the Fathers, vol. 1, 2, 3, and 4; True Glory of Woman; Union with the Church; Tunes for Worship; Evangelical Lieder; Eleven Sunday School Books; Life of Schlater; Creed and Customs.

PERIODICALS: The Messenger; The Guardian; The Reformed Quarterly Review; The Scholar's Quarterly; The Advanced Lesson Paper; Primary Lesson Paper; S. S. Treasury; Reformed Missionary Herald; Sunshine.

It is hereby further agreed that if the Publication Board again lease these interests the above named Charles G. Fisher, his heirs and assigns, shall have the option of continuing this contract for another term of ten years upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Board of Publication, &c.

And it is further agreed and understood by and between the parties hereto that the said Charles G. Fisher shall have the exclusive right and privilege of

carrying on and conducting the said business under the name and title of the REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION HOUSE.

And it is also further agreed that in case of any disagreement between the parties hereto in reference to any matter herein contained that the dispute shall be settled by arbitration finally and without appeal. The said Charles G. Fisher to appoint one arbitrator, the said Board of Publication one, and these two appoint a third arbitrator, to whom all or any disagreements shall be submitted and their decision or award shall be final and binding upon the said parties. All of the said arbitrators to be absolutely disinterested in any manner or form whatever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this thirtieth day of December, A. D. 1887.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

Attest: EDWARD J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

{ SEAL }

CHARLES G. FISHER.

{ SEAL }

Witness Present:

HENRY M. BOYD.

In thus disposing of the property of the Board by purchase and lease, the Board believes it has brought about the most favorable and advantageous conclusion of what has been, for some time, a troublesome question to determine, and, at the same time, carried out the direction of the Synods respecting it.

It is to be hoped in view of the conditions of the agreement that the Synods and all within their bounds will give to the purchaser and lessee that confidence and substantial support he merits. It must be borne in mind that the several publications, books and periodicals to be published by him are still the property of the Board for the Synods, and that under this agreement it is to receive a stipulated income from the receipts of the whole business, and that to be increased as the receipts increase. It therefore behooves all ministers and members of the Church to see that they do all within their power to increase the business of the House.

In consequence of the change affected by this transfer, it became necessary for Chas. G. Fisher, who had been filling the office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, to resign the same. Subsequently, the vacancy was filled by the election of Edw. J. Durban, of Philadelphia, as *Secretary*, and Geo. W. Hensel, of Quarryville, Pa., as *Treasurer*.

At the last regular meeting, September 5th, 1888, the Treasurer, Geo. W. Hensel, reported he had received from Chas. G. Fisher, in accordance with the agreement, *six hundred dollars*, the amount of percentage for first and second quarters, in full to July 1st, 1888. He also reported that he had arranged for the deposit of each quarter's percentage in a reliable Savings Institution, it there bearing interest at four per cent. per annum. In this connection it may be said, that it is the sense of the Board, all the income derived from this source and all interest accumulating upon it, should be invested and kept intact during the term of the lease.

The term of Geo. W. Hensel as trustee of the Synod of United States, expiring at the end of the present year, the Synod named will therefore, at its coming session, fill the vacancy that will then occur in the Board. The election of a member of the Board by that Synod at its last meeting was therefore an error.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDWARD J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, September 22d, 1888.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, to which the foregoing report and several other papers relating to the same subject had been committed, presented its report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and very fully discussed during the two following sessions of Synod, was amended, and then adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Publication begs leave to report as follows:

There were placed in the hands of your committee five documents relating to the subject committed to its consideration, to wit—1. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication. 2. The action of this Synod relating to the publication interests contained in the published minutes for the year 1887, pp. 53 and 54. 3. The action of the Pittsburgh Synod at its meeting for 1888, just closed, touching the publication interests. 4. The report of the Editorial Commission, appointed at the last meeting of this Synod. 5. A communication from Rev. C. G. Fisher, proprietor of the Reformed Church Publication House.

From the annual report of the Board of Publication, your committee learns, that a sale of the real and personal effects of the Board, with certain reservations (see Report), was effected to the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, of Philadelphia, and the publishing of all its periodicals, together with the use of its stereotype plates, was leased to the said Fisher for the term of ten years, upon the terms and considerations set forth in said report.

From the communication of the Pittsburgh Synod, it appears that at its late sessions at Meyersdale, Pa., certain grave exceptions are taken to the sale and lease of the effects of the Publication Board to Rev. C. G. Fisher; complaining that it was ignored and had no part in said sale and lease, and claims liberty of action, regardless of said sale and lease.. Also, that the Pittsburgh Synod has appointed a committee of conference, to meet similar committees, which it asks the Synods of the Potomac and of the Reformed Church in the United States to appoint, to meet for the adjustment of the differences which exist on the whole general subject of the publication interests.

The report of the Editorial Commission sets forth that it placed the editorial management of the *Reformed Church Messenger* in the hands of Rev. C. G. Fisher, as Office Editor, he to make arrangements for procuring matter for the paper at his own expense, said arrangement to terminate at the meetings of the Synods this Fall.

The communication from Rev. C. G. Fisher sets forth the intimate relation which exists between his House and this Synod, and asks the hearty co-operation of the section of the Church embraced by this Synod, as essential to the success of the Church's periodicals, and the pecuniary advantage of this Synod, as also to his own.

Your committee felt impressed with the gravity of the interests involved, and endeavored to give the subject in all its bearings its most earnest and careful attention. It procured copies of the actions of the Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States and Pittsburgh last year on this subject, and gave them their due weight, in the study of the matter. The actions of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States and of the Synod of the Potomac fully warrant and authorize the sale and lease effected by the Board of Publication, so that so far as they are concerned, there seems to be no open question as to the validity and legality of the action of the Board. In the action of the Synod of Pittsburgh, the first resolution in the Report of the Committee on Publication authorizes the acceptance of the proposition of Daniel Miller, Esq., or a proposition of some other person or firm, of the same import or tenor. The second resolution authorizes the Board of Publication "to convert the assets of the publishing interest, real and personal, into cash as soon as possible, and

pay the indebtedness, unless, in the judgment of the Board, it is deemed best to retain the ownership of the real estate," &c. In resolution 6, the Pittsburgh Synod raises a committee, other than the Board of Publication, and clothes it with plenary power to act, in case one or both of the other Synods dissents from its first proposition, to accept the Miller proposition—"on all matters pertaining to the contemplated change and transfer of our publication interests." Here your committee feels that a difficulty arises. The Pittsburgh Synod first authorizes the sale of "the assets of the publishing interests, real and personal," and afterwards makes the execution of this power contingent upon the action of a committee different from the Board. Your committee learns, that at the meeting of the Board, at which the sale and lease were effected, the members of the Board of Publication from the Pittsburgh Synod were present and took part in its deliberations, voting on the final action. There is no evidence, that the committee appointed by the Pittsburgh Synod had any part in the action. Now the question arises, was the sale and lease effected at that meeting of the Board legal, so as to bind the Synods and call for their acquiescence? This question is settled in the judgment of your committee, that the charter stipulates that the voice and votes of two of these Synods shall be controlling in all questions.—The fact that the Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States and of the Potomac voted for the sale and lease, and that subsequently the sale and lease were legally consummated, possession of property given, deeds executed, and consideration accepted. It is a legally executed contract, and the Board and the Synods are legally holden by it.

But as it is desirable that all grievances, misunderstandings, and perhaps mistakes, may if possible be obviated, your committee thinks it would be wise to accede to the request of the Pittsburgh Synod to raise a committee, who, together with the committee appointed by said Synod and a similar one, which the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States is requested to appoint, should be directed to confer jointly with Rev. C. G. Fisher, for the obviating of any and all difficulties, which may be felt to call for adjudication in the whole transaction.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod acquiesces in and accepts the action of the Board in the sale and lease of the publication interests to Rev. C. G. Fisher.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to act together with like committees appointed by the Pittsburgh Synod, and with one which the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States is hereby respectfully requested to appoint, who jointly shall confer with Rev. C. G. Fisher for the correction of all difficulties which may be felt to exist.

Resolved, That the action of the Editorial Commission be approved, and that the arrangement made with Rev. C. G. Fisher to act as Office Editor, at his own cost, be continued until the election of an Editor-in-Chief takes place.

Resolved, That the aforesaid committee of conference be and hereby is empowered to act in behalf of this Synod as a commission to select an editor-in-chief, in conjunction with the representatives of the other two Synods.

Resolved, That the membership and ministry of the Synod be earnestly urged to give the terms of the contract their cordial and active support and co-operation.

Resolved, That it appearing from the Report of the Editorial Commission, that Rev. Dr. P. S. Davis had resigned his position as Editor-in-Chief, which took place January 1st, 1888, this Synod would hereby tender to him its sympathies in view of his bodily afflictions, and express its regret in view of his afflictions and the business necessities of the Board, which led to his retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALENDER, *Chairman.*

In the adoption of the first of the foregoing resolutions, the *Ayes* and *Nays* were called for, with the following result, to wit:

Ayes—Revs. J. O. Miller, M. L. Firor, S. S. Miller, J. G. Noss, W. Goodrich, J. S. Kieffer, N. H. Skyles, U. H. Heilman, D. A. Souders, C. S. Slagle, E. R. Eschbach, J. D. Miller, W. C. Cremer, J. B. Shontz, C. Cort, W. M. Deatrick, S. N. Callender, A. K. Kline, G. A. Whitmore, H. St. J. Rinker, J. A. Hoffheins, P. Barringer, C. B. Heller, L. Reiter, T. J. Barkley, A. C. Geary, W. I. Stewart, W. R. H. Deatrick, F. A. Rupley, D. S. Dieffenbacher, C. J. Musser, A. T. G. Apple, C. W. Summey, and Elders C. A. Shultz, A. Hemp, J. M. Girvin, E. Williard, G. M. Harbaugh, G. S. Griffith, D. F. Daihl, S. Hoeflich, J. Fuss, L. C. Kepner, J. H. Bauserman, A. J. Souder, J. Gelbach, S. A. Gutelius, S. Schwartz, J. W. Smith, H. Wetzell, J. Diehl, J. Fouse, and J. P. Reed—53 in number.

Nays—Revs. A. Wanner, I. S. Weisz, A. Spangler, E. R. Deatrick, J. W. Knappenberger, W. H. Herbert, A. B. Stoner, C. U. Heilman, W. A. Long, and Elders D. Hildebrand, M. Myers, C. M. Keedy, D. O. Bowman, J. D. Aurandt, and J. L. Weber—15 in number.

Non Liquet—Rev. J. C. Bowman.

The Committee of Conference called for in the second resolution of the foregoing report consists of Revs. S. N. Callender, J. O. Miller, and S. S. Miller.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed, on Friday afternoon, immediately after the adoption of the foregoing report, to telegraph the first five resolutions of it to the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, then in session in Norristown, Pa. He subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the Treasurer of Synod instructed to pay the bill, to wit:

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he attended to the duty assigned, using night rates in sending the telegram. The bill incurred for telegraphing is \$3.98. Respectfully submitted, J. D. MILLER, *Corresponding Secretary*.

The following resolution was moved and adopted, namely:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to have the usual number of copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed at the lowest possible cost in substantial form, and distribute the Minutes among those entitled to receive them.

As noticed in item 6 of Report on Overtures, Elder Henry Wirt tendered his resignation to the Synod as a member of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church, which was accepted. At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Hon. John Cessna was elected a member of the Board of Publication for the unexpired term of Elder H. Wirt.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder G. S. Griffith	3 years.
Hon. John Cessna	2 years.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and

a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for the opening of Saturday afternoon's session. At the time designated, the election was held. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday-school and Publication.

The Special Committee, appointed by the Synod in 1887, as stated in item 35 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented its report on Wednesday forenoon, which was considered at length, amended, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITEM 35 OF REPORT ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The special committee, appointed by the Synod a year ago, to consider the matter of devising a plan for affording relief to disabled and superannuated ministers, so as to furnish them with a sufficiency to live, if in need, would respectfully report as follows:

Your committee, being deeply impressed with the importance of the subject and the magnitude of its claims upon the Church, has given the matter of devising a plan of relief much thought. Our needy brethren in the ministry, who bear in their bodies the marks of faithful and unstinted labor, and who have willingly sacrificed health and strength, and many of the comforts of home, that they might the better serve the Lord Jesus and His Church, should receive from those they serve more than words of encouragement, easily spoken, and looks of sympathy, easily given; for these, it is well known, feed not the hungry, and clothe not the naked. We are not doing our duty, if we are not found bearing one another's burdens, and thus fulfilling the law of Christ. Nor can we sing aright,

“Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.”
“We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear.”

Other branches of the Christian Church have done much in the past, and are working successfully now, in the direction of helping their worn out and indigent ministers, that they may be placed above want, in their enforced retirement. Our sister Church, the Reformed Church in America, has come to be a pioneer in this noble cause. From the report of the treasurer of her late General Synod we learn, that she has a permanent fund of nearly \$130,000, and receives from annual collections over \$6000, and pays to her annuitants about \$10,000 yearly. —Surely a praise-worthy record.

Our Church, though much larger numerically and equally as able in material resources, we regret to say, has done comparatively little in this particular direction, and nothing, it might be said, worthy of her noble history. We have, it is true, the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, which is the oldest, and, we believe, the noblest charitable organization in our Church, and yet it receives but little recognition by the major part of our ministry, and shares in a still less degree in the alms of our Church. Why this is so, we know not, unless it be that ministers, like other men, are so selfish as not to see their brother's need. Are not the soldiers of the Cross, in their disabled and worn-out condition as deserving of the help of the Church, as the soldiers of the State are of the bounty of the government?

In view of the little that has been done, and is being done in this matter of

relief. is not our neglect positively cruel, if not worse, to those who deserve better things of the Church and of us, their brethren in the ministry?

On account of past inactivity and present lack of interest in this direction, and further on account of other interests made more prominent, and more urgently pressed upon the attention of this Synod, your Committee does not see its way clear to propose any specific plan of relief apart from that which is already afforded by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows; and that said Society may be able in a larger degree to afford such relief as is commensurate with the needs of the disabled ministers or the widows of ministers, your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved. That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayer of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved. That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The President and Treasurer of the Society, Revs. W. M. Deatrick and S. S. Miller, laid before the Synod the following brief statement of receipts and expenditures of the Society, during the past year, which was, on motion, ordered to be spread upon the Minutes of Synod, namely:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at last report, October 11, 1887	\$1661.44
Collections during the year	1687.52
Interest from investments	1065.03
Donations	400.00

Making \$4813.99

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to annuitants or beneficiaries	\$1630.50
Investments made, funded	900.00
Cash on hand	2283.49

Making \$4813.99

The most of the amount on hand will be required to pay the annuities voted by the Society during the sessions of Synod, and which are to be paid the annuitants on or before the ensuing Christmas. The invested funds amount to \$20,745.61. During the past year, there have been on the roll of the Society twenty-five annuitants, of which number seven are disabled ministers and eighteen are the widows of ministers. The number for whom provision has just been made will be considerably larger. Fifteen Life Members of the Society have been enrolled in the past year by the different Classes from collections lifted in their churches.

October 15, 1888.

The special committee, under item 37 of Report on Minutes of Synod, appointed to attend the funeral of Rev. A. G. Dole, reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, to attend

the funeral of Rev. A. G. Dole, begs leave to report, that the members of the committee attended to the duty assigned. Respectfully submitted,

C. J. MUSSEY, *Chairman.*

It was learned through the Committee on Minutes of Classes, that all the Classes heeded the request of the Synod, as stated in item 36 of Report on Minutes of Synod, and took favorable action on the subject of temperance.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under items 2 and 3, reported a statement of the workings and finances of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf by its Superintendent, and also a similar paper from the President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa. These items were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. D. A. Souders, C. B. Heller and Elder J. P. Reed, for consideration. The committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received, amended and adopted as amended, to wit:

Your special committee on Orphans' Homes begs leave to offer the following report: Two communications were placed in our hands: A report from the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.; and a report from the President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa. It appears from the report of Superintendent Yundt, of Bethany Orphans' Home, that general prosperity prevails there. Eighty-one children are now in the Home—an increase of eight over last year. The health of the family has been good. The death of one orphan girl is reported—the fourth death in twenty-five years. The training of the children has been carefully attended to. One-fourth of their time is spent in manual labor. The school is open during ten months of the year. It is gratifying to learn that religious instruction is made a prominent feature of the Home. There is a Sunday-school and an active congregation in the institution. This congregation contributed over one hundred and thirty dollars to benevolence. The finances of the Home are in a more satisfactory state than last year. The Home celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding August 23d. By a special appeal on that occasion \$2700 were raised. This, together with the free-will offerings received, paid a debt of \$1800, and permitted certain necessary improvements. The need of the institution for the present year is money for the payment of salaries, and for the support of the orphans—about \$2000. The raising of this amount the Superintendent refers to the favorable consideration of this Synod.

The report from St. Paul's Home also shows commendable progress in the work. There are ninety-three children in the Home, sixty of whom are soldiers' orphans, and are supported by the State. A few are boarders, and pay for their support. The remainder are church orphans. The school in connection with this Home is under the supervision of the State authorities. Public examinations are held each year. A new school-house was completed last Fall, at a cost of \$2000, and paid for with money secured from the State, for the support of the orphans of soldiers. The religious instruction of the Home resulted in the confirmation of thirteen orphans, who are now members of the congregation at Butler. The expenses of running this Home were about \$11,000, including the cost of the new school-house. The sum of \$900 was paid on the debt of the Home, which is now reduced to \$4100. The amount of \$1600 was received as free-will offerings. Aside from the current needs of the Home, the Superintendent asks through the Board that the church contribute at least \$1000 to aid the feeble congregation at Butler to build a church large enough to entitle the Home to a sufficient number of sittings for the present family and that of the future.

In consideration of these circumstances, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the progress and prosperity of these Christian Homes for the orphans of the Church.

Resolved, That the pastors of this Synod again commend these Homes to the liberality of their members, and that offerings be made for the use of the Homes during the ensuing Christmas season. Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOUDERS, *Chairman*.

At the opening session of the Synod a reportorial committee, consisting of Revs. E. R. Deatrick, C. Cort, C. J. Musser and J. B. Shontz, was appointed to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Just before final adjournment the committee reported that they had furnished reports for one or more daily papers in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond, Hagerstown, Chambersburg and Altoona, and the weekly papers of Woodstock and Greencastle, without expense to the Synod. Their report was accepted and a vote of thanks returned to the committee.

Instead of making an assessment upon the members of Synod, the Treasurer was instructed to pay over to the pastor loci twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, amended, and adopted in silence as amended, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

To the Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology presents the following as its report:

During the last Synodical year, four of our co-laborers in the ministry ended their work in the militant Church, and were called away by death to enter upon their rest.

REV. ALBERT G. DOLE.

Rev. A. G. Dole departed this life, during the sessions of our last annual meeting, on October 15, 1887, at Huntingdon, Pa. He was born at Glassboro, N. J., September 22, 1815, and consequently was aged 72 years and 23 days. Early in life, he united with the Crown Street Dutch Reformed Church of Philadelphia, Pa. By the encouragement and help of kind friends, he entered Rutgers' College, where he remained several years, and then, owing to financial discouragements, he withdrew, and went to Mercersburg, Pa., and entered the Theological Seminary, then located there, from which he graduated in 1843. Shortly afterwards he was licensed to preach the Gospel, and in the same year became the pastor of the Boonsboro Charge in Maryland, where he remained seven years. A call was then accepted from Fairfield, Ohio, where he remained only one year. He next became the pastor of the Milton Charge, Pa., in 1852. His pastorate continued for thirteen years, and was full of toil and fruitful results. In 1865, he became the pastor of the mission in West Philadelphia, which he served for four years. His next field of labor was the Shippensburg Charge, where he remained three years. In 1872, he accepted a call to the Huntingdon Charge, where he continued pastor until April 1885, when he ceased from the active labors of the pastorate. He served his Master faithfully in the

Gospel Ministry for an unbroken period of over forty-one years. He was earnest and impressive as a preacher. The Lord blessed his labors with abundant success.

REV. MOSES KIEFFER, D.D.

Rev. M. Kieffer was born in Franklin County, Pa., May 5, 1814, and died at Sandusky, Ohio, February 3, 1888, aged 73 years, 8 months, and 28 days. He was reared in the bosom of a Christian family, and was duly instructed in the doctrines of our Church, and at the proper age was admitted into full communion by the rite of confirmation. At the age of seventeen, he entered upon a course of study preparatory to the Christian Ministry, at York, Pa., and his studies were continued at Mercersburg in Marshall College, from which he graduated with honor in 1838, as a member of the second class of graduates in that institution. He graduated from the Theological Seminary in the following year, and was licensed by the Synod, held in Philadelphia in the autumn of 1839. He was ordained shortly afterwards, and became the pastor of the Water-street Charge in Huntingdon County, Pa. After four years of earnest labor he resigned the charge, and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Hagerstown Charge. While laboring here, he became identified with the publication interests of our Church, at Chambersburg, Pa. At the end of seven years of faithful service at Hagerstown, he removed to Reading, Pa., and entered with his wonted zeal into the erection of the Second Reformed Church. In 1855, he accepted a call from the Synod of Ohio to the Professorship of Theology in the Seminary at Tiffin. This responsible position he filled with ability and fidelity for thirteen years. In connection with his duties in the Seminary he also served the Church as President of Heidelberg College. Failing health admonished him, however, that the burden was too heavy, and he resigned, and acted as supply to a Presbyterian Congregation at Sandusky, Ohio, for two years. In 1869, he removed to Chambersburg, Pa., and supplied the Grindstonehill Charge. In 1871, he became the pastor of the Greencastle Charge. In 1874, he resigned the pastorate of this Charge, and accepted a call to the Gettysburg Charge, where he labored with success for nine and one half years as pastor. He then resigned and went into partial retirement, as one who had borne the burden and the heat of a long ministerial life. In the autumn of 1887, under the direction of the Board of Missions, he went to Sioux City, Iowa, where he gathered the members of our Church, and prepared the way for the settlement of a missionary pastor. After two months of labor at that place, he was taken violently ill. Having partially recovered from what at the very beginning assumed the form of a fatal disease, he was removed to Sandusky City, Ohio, where he quietly laid down the burdens of this life, and responded to the Master's call to come up higher.

REV. HENRY IRVING COMFORT.

Rev. H. I. Comfort died in the Lord at Burkittsville, Md., February 18th, 1888, aged fifty-seven years and six months. He was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Comfort, and was born in Adams County, Pa., August 19th, 1830. He graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in the class of 1857. The following year he became pastor of the Mechanicstown charge, Frederick County, Md., where he labored eight years. In 1866 he removed to Ohio, having accepted a call to the Germantown charge, which he served only one year, and then returned to Maryland, and became the pastor of the Burkittsville charge, which relation continued for four and a half years. His next pastorate was the Grindstonehill charge in Franklin County, Pa., where he remained eight years. He was then without charge for a year, and then again went to Ohio, and became the pastor of the Bradford charge in Darke County. At the end of one year this pastoral relation was severed, and he accepted a call to the newly-formed St. Paris charge, which continued only six months. Returning

to Maryland, he resided at Frederick, laboring at his trade and teaching school for a livelihood. January 1st, 1885, he became pastor of the Burkittsville charge for the second time, and continued his labors there for two years, when his health became impaired, and he subsequently resigned. This was his last field of labor.

REV. DANIEL RIEGEL.

Rev. D. Riegel departed this life July 4th, 1888, at Dillsburg, York County, Pa., aged seventy-nine years, eleven months, and two days. He was born in Codorus township, York County, Pa., August 2d, 1808. He pursued his preparatory studies at York, Pa., and then studied theology privately under the care of Rev. Jonathan Oswald, pastor of the Lutheran Church at York, Pa. He was licensed and ordained by the Reformed Church in 1839. He immediately after his ordination entered upon his long ministry in the Dillsburg charge, where he continued in the Master's service for the long period of nearly half a century. His field of labor, when he commenced the work of the gospel ministry, embraced the interests of the Reformed Church in the upper end of York County, preaching at the Franklin Church, Bermudian Church, Rosstown and other places within a territory of ten miles square. He served his Lord and Master faithfully, and was beloved by those who knew him.

Respectfully submitted, D. S. DIEFFENBACHER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Synod tender its hearty thanks to the pastor and members of St. Paul's Church and the other citizens of Woodstock, who have entertained us, for the kind and hospitable reception and entertainment received at their hands.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished to the pastor loci to be read by him to his congregation, and to be published in the town papers.

Resolved, further, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the Baltimore and Ohio, and Cumberland Valley Railroad Companies for the courtesy of reduced rates of fare to the members of Synod over their respective roads.

The Synodical Roll was called, and no one found absent without permission, except Elders D. Hildebrand and M. Myers of Zion's Classis.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 8th, A.D. 1889, at 7 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 15th, at 11 o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

WM. R. H. DEATRICK, *President*.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS. CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconf'd	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Stud. for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Inf'ts	Adults											Benew. Purp.	Cong. Purp.		
Jacob Ziegler,	Without charge,	1	370	220	21		31	4	340	3			10	3	425			\$200 00	\$3148 00	437 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	1st Ref. Church, York,	4	345	286	39	1	5	2	200	4			10	5	300			105 00	1700 00	21 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Aaron Wanner, D. D.,	Kreutz Creek Charge,	7	498	280	61	5	26	10	339	3		2	18	9	355			140 00	855 00	N. Duke street, do do
Aaron Spangler,	Trinity Charge,																			507 W. Market street, do do
Reuben Rabanser,	Without charge,																			534 W. Philad'a St., do do
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.,	Paradise Charge,	4	950	600	106	8	50	18	865	12			57	9	450			255 00	1300 00	441 W. Market street, do do
Ambrose D. Gring.	Foreign Missionary,																			Lancaster, do do
A. F. Dreisbach,	Shrewsbury,	5	615	525	54	4	43	7	550	9			12	5	370	2		170 00	1300 00	Shrewsbury, York County, Pa.
Phaon W. Snyder,	Mt. Pleasant Charge,	5	131	70	19	2	25	5	119				10	5	193			19 65	455 00	Red Lion, do do
Oliver P. Shellhammer,	Zion's Ch., York,	1	437	264	33	1	38	34	270	5			9	1	355	2		42 00	1135 00	455 East Market St. do do
Henry A. Bomberger,	Heidelberg, York,	1	300		16			5	158				2	1	400			96 00	1378 00	York, do do
Aaron H. Leise,	Dillsburg Charge,	2	273	175	10				175				3	2	75			49 00	325 00	Dillsburg, do do
Supplied,	Rosstown Church,	1	30	25	1				23									1 70	100 00	
Total, 12.		31	3951	2445	360	21	218	85	3039	36			2	131	40	2923	4	\$1107 70	\$11696 00	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. S. Sch's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
					Inf'ts.	Adults									Benev. Purp.s.	Consp.s.			
Joseph W. Santee, D. D.,	Caretown,	4	400	190	26	3	20	9	360	3	3	14	4	280	1	162 00	650 00	Caretown, Washington Co., Md.	
George L. Staley, D. D.,	Without Charge,	1	616	370	25	3	26	6	526	2	2	32	1	575	1	3940 95	3417 63	1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.	
Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D.,	Evans. Ref. Church,	2	212	80	14	3	13	3	200	1	1	12	2	180	2	155 00	1200 00	Frederick, Frederick do	
William Goodrich,	Clear Spring,	2	190	116	7	2	10	3	180	1	1	17	2	170	2	75 00	850 00	Clear Spring, Washington do	
Simon S. Miller,	Boonsboro,	1	335	215	15	4	12	16	310	6	9	9	1	298	1	1010 00	2100 00	Boonsboro, do	
J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.	Zion's Ref. Church,	1	470	263	45	1	40	14	408	2	2	9	1	340	1	1179 63	3090 00	Hagerstown, do	
Joel T. Rossiter,	1st Ref. Church	2	220	125	7	9	9	190	1	1	5	2	175	5	121 00	1400 00	822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.		
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	Jefferson,	1	422	225	23	16	2	331	8	2	2	8	1	250	1	960 00	1000 00	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md	
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	Middletown,	2	600	500	34	1	17	7	450	9	9	24	2	155	2	242 00	677 00	Middletown, do	
John G. Noss,	Silver Run,	4	146	123	13	1	13	4	136	7	8	6	3	230	1	118 00	1355 00	Silver Run, Carroll do	
Anthony Shulenberger,	Mt. Pleasant,	4	624	384	37	1	27	4	470	5	5	20	4	300	1	293 85	1000 00	Mt. Pleasant, Frederick do	
William Rupp, D. D.,	Manchester,	1	350	125	29	1	41	23	303	3	3	3	1	400	1	557 00	2300 00	Manchester, Carroll do	
Marion L. Firor,	St. Paul's Ref. Ch.,	1	330	123	12	2	26	6	300	3	3	4	1	270	1	950 00	2700 00	402 N. Carrollton Ave., Balt., Md.	
Conrad Clever,	3rd Ref. Church,	5	403	310	40	1	20	3	330	8	11	4	1	75	1	760 61	975 00	408 N. Paca St., Balt., do	
Silas M. Hensch,	Glade,	1	94	75	8	1	5	11	75	1	1	4	1	75	1	100 00	650 00	Walkersville, Frederick Co., Md.	
Charles F. Sontag,	Grace Mission,	1	102	110	11	2	11	9	78	3	3	4	1	133	1	414 11	470 70	439 H St., N. W., Was'n, D. C.	
E. Ranson Dearrick,	Trinity Ref. Church,	2	256	185	17	4	23	3	225	3	3	6	1	220	1	163 00	850 00	116 3d Ave., Woodberry, Md.	
Henry Ditzler,	Taneytown,	1	175	100	9	5	5	3	125	5	3	3	1	40	1	25 00	801 00	Taneytown, Carroll do	
U. Henry Heilman,	Church of Incarnation,	3	186	126	8	1	8	14	151	8	5	3	3	190	1	148 00	700 00	Emmitsburg, do	
David A. Souders,	Union Bridge,	2	61	30	2	1	1	45	6	1	2	3	1	75	1	28 00	300 00	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., do	
James W. Meyer,	Sabillasville,	3	185	105	10	24	5	160	1	1	3	165	1	165	1	180 00	960 00	Sabillasville, Frederick Co., Md.	
Samuel L. Whitmore	Manor,	3	201	105	6	2	7	4	174	2	10	3	2	253	1	269 76	431 00	Adamstown, Frederick Co., Md.	
Barton R. Carnahan,	Mt. Moriah	2	216	172	6	5	22	2	189	3	3	2	180	1	190 00	1050 00	Keedysville, Wash. Co., do		
Calvin S. Shagle,	Westminster,	2	100	50	3	2	2	75	3	3	3	2	60	1	52 00	425 00	Westminster, Carroll Co., do		
J. Marion Mickle,	Burkittsville,	2	160	95	6	1	1	120	7	5	5	2	165	1	41 00	839 00	Burkittsville, Frederick do		
G. Albert Snyder,	Christ Church,	1	30	25	6	2	2	23	14	1	1	1	1	15	2	7 00	50 00	Hagerstown, Washington do	
T. F. Hoffmeier Supply,	Fairview Congregat'n,	4	367	270	88	1	18	19	360	14	1	10	4	299	2	248 53	1003 00	Westminster, Carroll Co., do	
Vacant,	Mechanicstown,	1	21	11	1	4	4	19	1	1	1	1	1	300	2	6 48	247 00	Burkittsville, Frederick do	
Vacant,	Faith Mission	1	21	11	1	4	4	19	1	1	1	1	1	125	1	14 69	72 00	Hagerstown, Washington do	
Vacant,	N. W. Balto. S. School.	1	21	11	1	4	4	19	1	1	1	1	1	125	1	14 69	72 00	Hagerstown, Washington do	
Total, 33.		59	7472	4608	503	39	421	181	6313	108	2	33	228	57	6418	15	\$12412 69	\$31570 33	

Louis F. Zinkhan, Prison Chaplain, 109 Pleasant Street, Baltimore, Md. Henry Wissler, disabled, Mechanicstown, Frederick Co., Md. W. Augustus Gring, disabled, Frederick, Md. Henry W. Hoffmeier, without charge, Middletown, Frederick Co., Md. Jacob B. Kerschner, disabled, Emmitsburg, Frederick Co., Md. David P. Lefevre, Greensboro, Caroline Co., Md. Henry E. Cook, licentiate, Hagerstown, Md.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Baptism		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Braures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Z. S. Sch's.	Stud. for the Min'y.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infant	Adults											Benev't purposes.	Cong'nal purposes.	
William M. Deatrick, D.D., Jacob Hassler, Isaac M. Motter, William C. Cremer, Franklin F. Bahner, Cyrus Cort, G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., George B. Russell, D.D., Jairus A. Wickert, J. Wm. Knappenberger, Simon Wolf, P. Allison Long, J. David Miller, Jonas B. Shontz, Jeriah S. Shade, George R. Zacharias, John M. North,	Without charge, Supply London charge St. Paul's, Waynesboro 1st Ch., Chambersburg, Waynesboro, Greencastle, Without charge, Supply Mont Alto ch. St. Thomas, Mercersburg, McConnellsburg, Grindstonehill, Shippensburg, 2d Church, Chamb'g, Without charge, Disabled licentiate,	2 1 1 3 2 1 1 3 3 3 1 1	158 128 370 495 373 92 180 378 170 185 265 67	75 86 295 215 250 50 96 252 77 70 100 23	8 6 21 37 6 6 6 15 13 5 9 1	1 1 4 3 9 3 10 1 2 8 1	4 20 9 5 20 6 10 23 16 7 5 8	1 3 6 18 14 1 9 5 1 5 5 5	145 120 285 386 318 74 140 281 122 180 198 55	4 7 5 8 5 9 5 4 3 3 3 3		1 1 4 4 3 4 3 3 3 7	7 4 2 8 9 5 3 4 4 10 2 7 1	2 1 1 2 2 1 3 3 3 2 1 1			\$121 93 435 43 687 92 274 31 1 260 09 1 143 35 79 00 334 97 55 76 150 00 225 00 65 30	\$400 00 900 09 2185 90 3495 00 1009 00 240 00 785 00 1064 88 460 00 900 00 749 00 463 00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. Fort London, do do Waynesboro, do do Chambersburg, do do Waynesboro, do do Greencastle, do do Mercersburg, do do Zullinger, do do St. Thomas, do do Mercersburg, do do McConnellsburg, Fulton do Chambersburg, Franklin do Shippensburg, Cumberland do Chambersburg, Franklin do McConnellsburg, Fulton do Upper Strasburg, do do Mercersburg, Franklin Co., do
Total, 17.		24	2861	1589	133	39	128	73	2304	59		22	65	22	2097	4	\$2832 76	\$12651 78	

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schol.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults										Benev.	Confr.	
John C. Hensell.	Superannuated,	1	102	105	4			2	62				6	1	70	\$ 50 00	\$465 00	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.
Henry St. Jno. Rinker,	Lovettsville,	2	169	53	3	9	17	7	145				2	2	145	275 19	1763 12	Lovettsville, Loudon do
Sam'l N. Callender, D. D.,	Mt. Crawford,	4	239	87	2	1	8	3	204				7	1	30	123 52	638 98	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co
Henry Talhelm,	Edenburgh,	1	281	97	5		7	11	218	6			3	1	159	474 40	1152 77	Edenburgh, Shenandoah Co., Va.
John A. Hoffheins,	Martinsburg,																	Martinsburg, W. Va.
Joseph S. Loose,	Disabled,																	Bridgewater, Rockingham Co., Va.
F. E. Vandersloot,	Superannuated,	4	157	68	2		10		129	6	7	9	3	180		105 24	260 29	Herndon, Fairfax do
George A. Whitmore,	Mill Creek,	2	148	104	11	3	11	2	123	2	1	5	2	175		221 37	731 71	Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah Co., Va.
Benjamin F. Bausmann,	Shepherdstown,	3	220	120	8	4	8	4	188	1	2	7	2	130	1	463 00	700 00	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Alpha K. Kline,	Woodstock,																	Woodstock, Shenandoah Va.
Without charge,																		Baltimore, Md.
Elias Welty, M.D.,	Without charge,	4	345	113	4	2	6	5	272	3		5	5	170	1	112 31	900 00	Meyerhoffer's St're, Rock'm Co., Va
A. R. Thompson,	Rockingham,	3	146	130	2				120			4	2	60		31 64		Timberville, Rockingham do
Vacant,	Timberville,	2	158	100	4	4	4		107			2	1	75		39 00	160 00	Mauertown, Shen. Co., do
Addison C. Snyder,	Harrisville,	2	137	80	1				111	5	1	2	120					Winchester, do
Vacant,	Winchester,	3	162	88			1		130	4			3	145	1	160 00		Middlebrook, Augusta do
Vacant,	Middlebrook,																	Middlebrook, Augusta do
John W. Rauch,	Without charge,	1	45	30					40	6		1						Martinsburg, W. Va.
	Smithfield Congreg'n,																	
Ministers, 14.		32	2309	1175	46	23	72	34	1849	33		12	52	25	1459	4	1895 67	\$6921 87

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Burials.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Students for Min'ry	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf's.	Adults											Benev.	Cong. Purp.	
G. Wm. Welker, D.D.,	Guilford,	4	437	234	25	8	18		3			7		277	3		\$51 00	\$297 00	Lamont, Guilford Co., N. C.
Jeremiah Ingold, D.D.,	Without Charge,																		Hickory, Catawba Co., do
Thomas Long,	Sup. Mt. Tabor cong.	1																	Salem, Forsyth Co., do
Jesse W. Cecil,	Sup. Moffit's Grove,	1	30	12															Thomasville, Davidson Co., do
John Ingle,	Watauga Mission,	1																	Blowing Rock, Watauga Co., do
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.	Catawba charge,	4	299	198	24	1	5	3	18	1		1	5	110	1		7662 00	50 00	Newton, Catawba Co., do
John A. Foil,	Prof. in Catawba College,													40				2315 00	Newton, Catawba Co., do
Peter M. Trexler,	Concord Mission,	1	30	25	1		4	2	26	1							50 00	535 00	Concord, Cabarrus Co., do
Michael L. Hedrick,	Without Charge,																		Silver Hill, Davidson Co., do
Paul Barringer,	Western Rowan,	2	303	172	27	2	4				2		9	182			50 00	325 00	China Grove, Rowan Co., do
Calvin B. Heller,	Eastern Rowan,	2	309	220	23		17	3	273	12		3	2	268	1		309 00	488 00	Heilig's Mills, Rowan Co., do
Lewis Reiter,	Hickory,	3	136	93	4		7	1	118	1			3	2	93		107 00	3161 00	Hickory, Catawba Co., do
Joseph L. Murphy,	Lincoln,	4	198	122	12		12		181	2		1	7	4	264		53 00	1492 00	Maiden, Catawba Co., do
J. H. Shuford,	Upper Davidson,	4	245	150	6	18	39	2	245		1		4	130	1		75 00	300 00	Hickory, Catawba Co., do
Vacant,	Central Rowan,	3	125	58	12		2		85				3	2	120		6 00	262 00	
Vacant,	Lower Davidson,	4	210	70	11	5	15	1					5	2	70		4 00	130 00	
Vacant,	St. Paul's congregation,*	1	25										1					60 00	
Vacant,	Lincolnton,†	1																	
Total, 14.		36	2347	1354	145	34	123	12	946	20	3	5	42	23	1654	6	\$8367 00	\$9415 00	

* Supplied by P. Barringer. † Supplied by J. L. Murphy.

CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. S. Sch's	Min. Stud	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults									Benev. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	
Julius Fuendeling,	Independent,	1													\$5 00		San Francisco, California.
R. H. Stahl,*	San Diego,	1	54					52				1	56		10 00	\$ 10 00	San Diego, Cal.
Vacant,	Stockton,	1	55	30	6			8	45	5		2	25		40 00	150 00	Napa, California.
Theodore G. De Lyre,	Napa,														\$55 00	\$160 00	
Total, 3.		3	109	30	6			8	97	5		3	81				

* No report received.

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'rs.	Adults									Benev. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	
John Gantenbein, D. D.,	Portland,	1	75	97	24		4	23	68		16	4	2	100		\$583 72	Portland, Oregon.
Jacob Mülhaupt,	Salem,	3	56	68	5		3	9	46	1	6	1	3	66	\$ 14 50	334 00	Salem, do
Julius Lange,	Meridian,	1	45	43	7		9	24	24		5		1	31	25 37	277 91	Stafford, Clackamas Co., Oregon.
Gottfried Graedel,	Seattle,	1	43	50	6		3	27	3				1	65	30 00	1350 92	Seattle, Washington Territory.
A. H. Baumann,	St. Peter's,	3	93	105	7		2	21	84	5	4	2	2	64	14 50	336 00	Mink, Clackamas Co., Oregon.
H. A. Schwichtenberg,																	Portland, do
J. B. Braun,	Astoria-Stell,*	2	50	60													Albany, do
	West Union,	1	30	40	10		3	12	32	2			2	35	2 15	5 00	
	Wahongal,	1	23	27	3				16			1			2 50	30 00	
	Waldo Hill,†																
	Sandy,†																
Total, 7		13	415	490	62		21	68	297	8	31	8	11	361		\$ 89 02	\$2867 55

* Served by Dr. Gantenbein and Pastor J. Lange.

† No reports sent.

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MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregati's.		Members.		Members unconfirmed.		Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Congregati's.		Members.		Members unconfirmed.		Infants.	Adults.											Benef. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	
Elias D. Shoemaker, Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Henry F. Long, Isaac N. Peightel, Andrew T. G. Apple, William A. Long, Edgar S. Hassler, Franklin W. Brown, Calvin U. Heilman, Samuel C. Long, Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher, Cyrus J. Musser, Christian W. Summey, Joel W. Alspach, John W. Pontius, R. Leighton Gerhart, C. Stewart Stover, Vacant, David G. Klein, Charles W. E. Siegel,	Disabled, Without charge, Woodcock Valley, Yellow Creek, Friend's Cove, Hickory Bottom, St. Clairsville, Schellsburg, Water Street, Sulphur Springs, Altoona, Huntingdon, Greenfield, Everett, Martinsburg, Bedford, Dunning's Creek, Orbisonia, Clear Ridge, Without charge,	4 4 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 4 2 4 3 2 2 3 3 3 3	405 305 253 295 375 279 146 206 289 258 31 153 499 80 161 150 111 279 69 99	295 176 219 83 279 14 19 20 16 19 31 8 46 8 11 14 22 7 4	23 24 14 18 14 7 1 9 13 16 27 12 8 4 2 5 12 8 5 1 2	1 4 5 10 30 22 9 13 15 37 28 4 5 2 5 17 5 3 2	398 282 213 256 329 4 217 371 269 455 372 37 29 10 439 4 139 247 135 5 135 59 80	7 7 2 1 5 6 3 3 15 15 12 12 4 10 35 3 220 90 130 30 3	3 4 4 6 3 2 3 2 6 2 3 5 8 10 273 142 304 275 61 250 360 149	270 394 165 331 245 174 148 130 325 359 400 113 220 2												

STATISTICAL SUMMARY. Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Names of Deceased.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Holy Ministry.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.										Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Zion's, -	-	12	3,951	2,445	360	21	218	85	3,039	36			40	2,923	4	\$1,107 70	\$11,696 00
Maryland, -	-	33	7,472	4,608	503	39	421	181	6,313	108	2	2	57	6,418	15	12,412 61	31,570 33
Mercersburg, -	-	17	2,861	1,589	133	39	128	73	2,404	59			22	2,097	4	2,832 76	12,651 78
Virginia, -	-	14	32	2,309	46	23	72	34	1,849	33			12	1,459	4	1,895 67	6,921 87
North Carolina, -	-	14	36	2,347	1,175	145	123	12	946	20	3	5	23	1,554	6	8,367 00	9,415 00
Gettysburg, -	-	14	29	4,873	301	17	245	111	4,296	73			27	2,471	4	4,214 00	16,740 00
Carlisle, -	-	11	22	2,221	1,211	87	77	23	1,865	32			21	2,078	3	1,647 77	7,795 94
Junata, -	-	19	49	5,123	3,096	282	64	242	4,474	128			40	3,524	7	4,106 00	23,950 00
Portland-Oregon, -	-	7	13	415	62		21	68	297	8			11	361		89 02	2,867 55
San Francisco, -	-	3	2	109	30			8	97	5			3	81		55 00	160 00
Total, 10 Classes,	-	144	297	31,681	19,400	1,919	252	1,547	773	502	5	185	269	22,966	47	\$36,727 53	\$123,768 47
Synod of the United States, 11 Classes,	226	465	80,651	47,463	5,791	461	4,061	1,796	66,919	1010	9	801	563	55,375	98	69,178 00	379,933 00
Synod of Ohio, - 6 Classes,	106	233	19,460	6,254	856	511	1,226	795	15,674	361	1	441	205	18,491	21	14,687 00	73,883 00
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 Classes,	57	128	13,554	9,010	883	99	754	488	11,047	252		256	105	8,109	17	19,197 06	80,795 35
Synod of the North West, 10 Classes,	114	190	16,747	12,539	1,528	23	837	669	11,130	164	14	215	165	8,838	22	11,641 00	71,693 00
German Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	47	44	12,756	8,023	2,132	17	750	653	9,313	93		378	428	45	7	12,530 00	71,646 00
Central Synod, - 4 Classes,	80	116	16,842	10,861	1,216	53	908	607	13,032	227	17	430	409	106	34	12,530 00	82,331 00
Synod of the Interior, - 4 Classes,	39	62	2,653	1,619	135	58	199	167	2,123	64		57	50	2,670	4	1,766 99	16,455 71
Grand Total, 8 Dist Synods: 55 Classes,	813	1,535	194,344	115,199	14,460	1,474	10,282	5,948	155,108	2,673	46	2,763	5,246	1,498	250	\$171,250 58	\$900,505 53

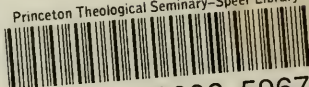
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